



Families at the Center of Faith

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

St. Mark Catholic Center

9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Featuring Mr. John Roberto

National leader in the fields of faith formation, youth and young adult ministry and family catechesis.

Register online: <http://www.eriescd.org/religiouseducation.html>

Registration Deadline is April 17, 2018

Cost: \$10.00 per person. A special thanks to the **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania** for funding most of this program through its Catholic Education Endowment Fund.

“Families at the Center of Faith Formation” Innovation Lab

The *Family Faith Formation Innovation Lab* is guided by the conviction that families are at the center of faith formation, and that parents and the family are the most powerful influence in a child’s development. The Lab will help parish teams to develop faith formation around the lives of today’s families by forming strategies and programming for

- 1) developing family faith at home through Christian practices, milestones, Church year seasons, prayer, rituals, and more;
- 2) nurturing family faith by engaging families in the life of the parish faith community and creating programs for the whole family;
- 3) creating strong family life and empowering parents (and grandparents) as faith formers of their children.

Each parish team will design and implement one or more strategies to create new or enhanced programming that engages families.

Workshop Topics

- Understanding Today’s Families
- A 21st Century Vision and Practice of Family Faith Formation
- Approaches and Strategies for Reaching and Engaging Today’s Families—at Home, in the Parish, in the Community
- Designing New Initiatives and Projects

Who Should Attend: Pastors, Leaders of Religious Education and/or Faith Formation, Parish staff, such as, RCIA and Sacramental Coordinators, Pastoral Associates, Catechists, Family Ministers, etc.

Plan

The **Family Faith Formation Innovation Lab** includes four components over a six-month timeframe: Follow up Workshops **“Envisioning & Designing Family Faith Formation,”** **Workshop Design Webinar and Implementation Webinar**, online **Tools and Resources** to support design work, and **Networking** among congregations to share projects and ideas.

