

# CORONAVIRUS

## Weekly Resource #2

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Most likely by now you and those responsible for catechesis have created a plan to proceed with religious education programs remotely for those who are part of your parish, Catholic academy or parish school. There are plenty of resources available online for you to use and adapt to your particular situation.

Catholic Faith Technologies also announced last week that the resources from Ignatius Press and Mid-West Theological Forum can now be used for free. Please go to <http://faithformation.zohosites.com/>

Here are a few points to note as we move forward:

1. Make use of resources that are provided by the textbook company you use.
2. Plan for those students who may not have use of a computer on a regular basis or at all.
3. Follow all safe environment procedures.
4. Keep accurate student attendance.
5. Meet remotely regularly with the catechetical staff including volunteers.
6. Provide parents regular contact information and office hours, if applicable.
7. Determine and implement a process for accessing student progress.
8. Offer samples of various prayers and other resources for people to use to help calm fears.

### YOUTH

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NYCYM) offers best practices and ongoing ministry suggestions. Go to [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org) for information.

Here are a few helpful hints:

1. Follow all safe environment procedures.
2. Encourage participation in at-home family activities.
3. Share youth activities plans with the parish.
4. Implement remote activities related to the diocesan youth ministry plan SO BE BOLD!
5. Share the Pope Francis' document aimed at outreach to youth CHRISTUS VIVIT  
[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papafrancesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20190325\\_christus-vivit.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papafrancesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html)

### PARENTS

For resources to make available to parents, it is recommended that you consult your textbook company first. This way they will have information related to what the students have been learning. After providing the textbook web site information to parents, you could follow up by sending a weekly newsletter including particular program updates, good news, and suggested resources.

Providing an opportunity to meet with parents remotely is also highly recommended. You can do that using a site such as GO TO MEETING or ZOOM. There are several other options available online just by searching. Encourage parents to meet with other parents remotely.

### FAMILIES, YOUNG ADULTS, ADULTS

Our partners at the American Bible Society shared the Stations of the Cross they had produced two years ago when the actual figures were on display in the United States. They are available in English and Spanish:

<http://ministry.americanbible.org/catholic-ministries/stations-of-the-cross-video>

<http://ministry.americanbible.org/catholic-ministries/stations-of-the-cross-video-spanish>

### A SPECIAL GIFT FROM CDU

During this stressful Lent, when many are confined at home, unable to attend church, and life feels very different, CDU is offering a free non-credit continuing education course to anyone who wishes to enroll. **We invite you to take one of the two online courses below at no cost through April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

[Introduction to the Gospel Message](#)

[Christian Prayer](#)

Click on the course title to enroll and be sure to enter promo code **CDUGIFT20** to receive this special offer.

For more information, please contact Mr. Musco at [tmusco@diobrook.org](mailto:tmusco@diobrook.org). **More resources are available on Facebook at School of Evangelization.**