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A Best Practice: Resources for Our Challenging Time (Part II)

Last month and this month we were scheduled to look at Part III and Part IV of *A View from the Community: Today's Best Practices, Today's Challenges*. Those issues are on hold as we explore **some of the many resources**

- that have always been available to us
- those that have been created in the last few weeks.

These resources are grouped into **several different categories**. Feel free, of course, to scroll through to the sections that would be most helpful for you. Just a few of the many:

- Prayer, Reflection and Scripture Resources
- Ideas for Families
- Some Practices and Suggestions for Parishes
- Music
- Resources for Faith Formation Leaders
- Helps regarding the Use of Technology

Of course, don't use all of these. You – and the people to whom you minister – are exhausted and overwhelmed right now. **Pick and choose** whatever could be helpful.

Many of these resources are **available all the time** and can be used now but also in the months ahead (when things return to “a new normal”) and we continue to learn, pray, support each other both face-to-face and virtually.

All of these links were working at the time I completed this issue and emailed it. However, with our quickly-changing circumstances, some organizations and groups might be changing and altering their sites.

A Few Articles-Webinars for Reflection and Guidance

- [Crisis can Help us Reorient What we Prize](#)
- [Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi address on coronavirus and Jesus calming the storm](#)
- [Love in the Time of Covid-19](#) (Fr. Ron Rolheiser)
- [Life in the Time of Coronavirus](#)

- [Spirituality in a time of quarantine](#)
- [A Time of Great Uncertainty: An Interview with Pope Francis](#)
- [Dear Students: There Is No Afterwards](#)
- [The church after coronavirus: How our communities are changing](#)
- [The church after coronavirus: Crisis exposes what is essential](#)
- [The church after coronavirus: There are shifting visions of church governance](#)
- [For the love of God \(literally\), stay home, be safe and pray](#)
- [Worshipping Like Jesus: Remotely](#)
- [Podcast: Pope Francis wants coronavirus to change the way we do economics](#)
- [Free Pope Francis e-book to Keep Hope Alive During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) (until April 27th)
- [A People of Hope: Strengthening our Faith so that We May Live as People of Hope](#) (webinars from CTU)
- [We Are Not Being Judged By God With The Coronavirus, But We Will Be Judged By How We Deal With It](#)
- [The 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic: What Would Teilhard Say?](#)

“All shall be well...
for there is a Force of love
moving through the universe that holds us fast
and will never let us go.”

- *Julian of Norwich*

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Some Practices, Resources and Reflections for Parishes

- [Three Big Mistakes Organizations are Making Right Now](#)
- [The New Ministry Normal: Online](#)
- [Pope Francis approves new 'Mass in Time of Pandemic'](#)

- [A Time for Everything](#)
- [How the Pandemic Will Change Church](#)

- [Evangelism, Connection, and Our New \(Virtual\) Reality](#)
- [How to Build Community While Worshipping Online](#)

- [Invite Welcome Connect in Virtual Church](#)
- [Liturgy.Life](#) (Newsletters to inspire, encourage, and provide new ways to deepen and live the call we share to serve God's people in the liturgy)

- [Ten Ways the Church Will be Changed by COVID-19](#)
- [Five Ways You Will be a Different Pastor after the Pandemic](#)
- [3 Questions Every Church Leader Needs to Ask NOW](#)

- [No Tech/Low Tech Ministry Ideas for Local Churches](#)
- [24 Questions Your Church Should Answer Before People Return](#) (Some of these do not directly apply to Catholic parishes; yet many of them would be important for parish staffs to think about.)

- [Seven Tips for Engaging with Live-Streamed Worship](#)
- [USCCB Responds to Coronavirus](#)
- [Parishes Excelling In Digital Engagement](#)

- [From Crisis to Calling](#) Webinar
- [How to Lead during Uncertain Times](#)
- [7 Shifts Churches Need to Make Because of the Coronavirus](#)
- [Chuck Knows Church](#): He's teaming up with #SeeAllThePeople to share a few simple ideas that your church can do to help your community during this time of crisis.

Coping with Grief during COVID-19

.....○ Ten Tips for Helping Others Grieve ○.....

1 **Immediately acknowledge the loss.** Reach out to say, "I am so sorry for your loss." Don't be nervous. It doesn't matter if you know the bereaved or the deceased well, just reach out.

2 **Do not minimize the loss or try to "take away" the pain.**

3 **Avoid statements like: "He/she is in a better place" or "I know how you feel."**

4 **Know that grief is not linear.** People often cycle between the different stages of grieving.

5 **Focus on the person grieving.** Don't compare your experiences. Allow the person to navigate their own grief.

6 **Don't judge how the bereaved is reacting.** Everyone grieves differently. There is nothing wrong with how they are feeling or coping.

7 **Don't rush the process.** Everyone grieves at a different pace. There is no timeline to "move on" or "get over it".

8 **Allow for crying and silences.** Expressing emotions is healthy. Resist the urge to fill silence with words.

9 **Lend a helping hand.** Instead of saying, "Let me know how I can help," tell them what you will do. For example: "I'll be by to mow your lawn on Tuesday."

10 **People who are grieving often forget to take care of themselves.** Have groceries delivered or send a gift basket with items to help them take care of their basic needs.

The infographic includes a diagram of the grief cycle with stages: DENIAL & ISOLATION, ANGER, DEPRESSION, BARGAINING, and ACCEPTANCE. It also features illustrations of a man sitting at a desk with his head in his hand and a woman lying on a couch crying.

Resources for Faith Formation Leaders

- [A Guide to Designing Non-Gathered Programs](#)
- [COVID-19: 100 Ideas for Ministers and Ministry Leaders](#)

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- [Weekly faith formation resources for all ages](#)
- [5 Ways Teachers Can Use Screencasts to Engage Student Learning](#)
- [OBD Films](#): Create a free account at odbfilms.com to watch dozens of projects, including: award-winning dramas, entertaining theology and catechesis, moving testimonies, music videos, comedy sketches, animations, and the beloved VCAT (Video Catechism) series.
- [Taking Faith Formation Online](#)

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.
May the world find faith in Jesus' death and resurrection.
May the world find joy in a time of dejection.
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
But not only that –
Let us start a revival.

- Kristi Bothur

Resources for Faith Formation Leaders (children and youth programming)

- [Creating Catechetical Lessons for Parents and Kids](#)
- ["Flat Catechist" Encourages Faith Activities at Home](#)
- [Sending Faith Home: A Guide for Pastoral Leaders amidst the Coronavirus Shutdown](#)
- [Tips for Online Worship and Learning with Children](#)
- [Family Faith Formation: Engaging and Building Capacity](#) (An April 28 webinar)
- [Free Publisher Resources by Series](#)
- [Continuing the Connection](#) (Loyola Press)
- [Free Online Resources](#) (from Pflaum)
- [Free, weekly, faith formation resources for all ages](#)

- [Faith Resources at Home](#) (sign up)
- [Growing in Faith Growing in Christ Online Resources](#)
- [Digital Resources for Faith Formation in the Home](#) (OSV)
- [Free downloadable resources, prayers, activities](#) (RCL Benziger)
- [Italian nun channels 'Mr. Rogers' as coronavirus restrictions extend](#)
- [Life is a Puzzle: A "Pieceful" \(online\) Retreat for Teens](#)
- [Psalm 139 Teen Online Retreat](#)
- [Dying and Rising: Help Teens Better Understand the Resurrection](#)
- [Online Catholic Youth Night](#)

Someday we will look back on these days,
and they will forever remind us
to never take little things for granted.

- A frequent post on Facebook

Resources for Faith Formation Leaders (adult faith formation)

- [Journey with The Saint John's Bible](#) (online course)
- [Adult Faith Formation Activities](#) (activities designed for adults to use at home - as individuals or as couples)
- [An eco-streaming guide while we're cooped up by coronavirus](#)
- [Art and Architecture in the Catholic Church](#)
- [Creating Sacred Space](#)
- [Paraclete Press](#) is offering free streaming of *The BE Attitudes: Ten Paths to Holiness* with Albert Haase OFM and *The Jesus Creed for Students: Loving God, Loving Others* with Scot McKnight.
- [How to Start Small Groups](#)

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- [Small Groups: Caring for Each Other Now and Beyond](#)
- [Making the Most of Online Small Groups](#)
- [Encountering Christ through the Living Word in This Time of Isolation](#)
- [We are all in this Together: The Healing Power of the Creative Spirit](#)
by Bro Mickey McGrath
- [Practicing Spirituality in Nature - 2020](#)
- [Baptism Matters](#) (An online Baptism program from RENEW International – free trial until June 30)
- [Work of the People](#) is providing films to stream for free. Among them is The Universal Christ (with Richard Rohr), Smashing Idols through Pain (with Barbara Brown Taylor), and A God-Oriented Heart (with Greg Boyd).
- [Unemployed Together during the COVID-19 Shutdown: Six Small Group Sessions](#)
- [A Fierce and Enduring Gratitude: How Poetry Supports Us in Good Times and Bad](#) (An ecourse that features beautiful, hand-picked poems and stories offered as uniquely helpful tools for anyone wishing to deepen their gratefulness practice.)
- [RCIA mystagogy when there have been no baptisms](#)
- [RCIA in the Easter Season: How to continue forming elect, catechumens, and candidates](#)

We are tied together in the single garment
of destiny, caught in an inescapable network
of mutuality.
And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

- *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Prayer, Reflection and Scripture Readings Resources

- [Prayer and Spiritual Life in Times of Stress](#)
- [Seven Spiritual Strategies for a Time of Pandemic](#)
- [My Heart is Ready](#) (Join David Haas each morning for Live Morning Prayer)
- Father James Martin hosts [Daily Faith Sharing](#) via Facebook
- [Taize Prayer Live](#)
- [Gratefulness](#)
- [Pray As You Go](#)
- Invite your parishioners to [light a candle](#)
- [Step-by-Step Intercessory Praying in Color](#)
- [Give Us This Day](#) (free digital edition)
- [Resources for Prayer and Engagement during Coronavirus](#) (USCCB)
- [Go to the Limits of your Longing](#)
- [Theology of Work Project](#) is offering prayers and devotional reflections to help people tune into God's love for us and others today. "Tuning Into God" is a devotional reading plan that presents four practices we can use to turn down the volume on the voices that surround us and turn up the volume on God.
- [Celebrate the 50 Days of Easter](#)
- [Song of Plagues: How Psalm 91 Helps Us Pray during Pandemic](#)
- [Visio Divina](#)
- [Blessings](#)
- [Meditation on Psalm 91: Under God's Great Wings](#)
- Online retreats
 - [Fully Alive: An Easter Retreat](#)
 - [With Jesus in the Desert: A retreat for a time of isolation](#)

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- [Why Not Soar?](#)
- [New Creation Retreat](#)
- [The Our Father Retreat](#)
- [Women of Prayer and Justice](#)
- [Everyday Spirituality: A Busy Person's Retreat](#)
- [Praying "Always"](#)
- [Holy Women, Full of Grace](#)
- [Free virtual retreats](#) from Liturgy Training Publications to listen to Scripture, pray the prayers, sing the music, reflect on the signs and symbols of the liturgy, and engage in discussion.

The Twelve Emmaus Steps to Rise Again with Jesus

- 1) Feel the pain.
- 2) Make the walk.
- 3) Welcome in (hospitality).
- 4) Share your stories.
- 5) Listen well.
- 6) Pay attention to the women.
- 7) Be sure to eat – but DINE once in a while.
- 8) Be open to having your eyes opened and your minds blown.
- 9) Embrace the burn in your heart.
- 10) Return to the journey home – forget about Emmaus.
- 11) On the way home – nurture the burn.
- 12) Tell the story; give witness; rise again.

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Prayers and Reflections

- [Livestreams from Oregon Catholic Press](#)
- [A Litany for the Coronavirus](#)
- [Litany of Supplication used at special Urbi et Orbi](#)
- [Bless the merciful](#)
- This much-quoted and beautiful [prayer by Brother Richard Hendrick](#), an Irish Capuchin Friar, is worth listening to each day.
- [Examen for Life During Covid-19](#)
- [A Litany for the Dying, the Departed, and the Grieving](#)
- [Blessing in the Chaos](#)
- [A Dayeinu for Our Time](#)
- [The Blessing of Faces: A Zoom Prayer](#)
- [Reciting the Names of the Living When We Have No Words to Pray](#)
- [Postponement Prayer](#)
- [Coast to Coast: the whole earth is full of God's glory!](#)
- [A Cosmic Chorus of Praise Sings of Resurrection](#)
- [The Secret Muscle You Need to Crush Fear, Seize Joy & Be Strong in a Crisis](#)
- A pastor at a parish in Meridian, Idaho has suggested setting our cell phones to alert us at the three hours of 9 a.m., 12 Noon and 3 p.m. for the following purposes:
 - 9:00 am: Christ accepts the cross: Pray for the infected and the ill.
 - 12 Noon: Darkness covered the area: Pray for first responders, doctors, nurses.
 - 3:00 pm: Christ dies on the Cross: Pray for those who have died of the virus.

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A Litany of Blessing in Time of Grief

Before we breathed our first, O God,
you etched our names upon your hands,
like stretchmarks on our mother's skin.
And those same hands that bear our lives
will carry us home as we breathe our last.

So even in our grief, O God,
let every breath we carry within
announce your goodness with praise unending.
For you have made us to be your own,
a people of your Spirit with blessing on our lips.

Therefore:

Sun and moon: *Bless the Lord!*
Stars of the sky: *Bless the Lord!*
Depths of ocean: *Bless the Lord!*
Birds of air: *Bless the Lord!*
Let all creation: *Bless the Lord!*

Blessed be God for doctors and nurses: *Blessed be God forever!*
For scientists and researchers: *Blessed be God forever!*
For pharmacists and technicians: *Blessed be God forever!*
For social workers and caregivers: *Blessed be God forever!*
For all who endeavor to keep us safe: *Blessed be God forever!*

Blessed be God for grocery clerks and janitors: *Blessed be God forever!*
For restaurant chefs and fast-food workers: *Blessed be God forever!*
For farmers and delivery drivers: *Blessed be God forever!*
For field laborers and postal carriers: *Blessed be God forever!*
For all who feed and care for us: *Blessed be God forever!*

Blessed be God for pastoral staffs: *Blessed be God forever!*
For clergy and religious who pray for us daily: *Blessed be God forever!*
For catechists teaching in creative new ways: *Blessed be God forever!*
For liturgical ministers tackling technology: *Blessed be God forever!*
For all who serve the domestic church: *Blessed be God forever!*

Blessed be God for teachers and parents: *Blessed be God forever!*
For those who sing and those who dance: *Blessed be God forever!*
For musicians, artists, composers, and poets: *Blessed be God forever!*
For comedians, actors, and story-tellers: *Blessed be God forever!*
For all who inspire and sustain our hearts: *Blessed be God forever!*

And blessed be God for the human spirit: *Blessed be God forever!*
That strives to live in more gentle ways: *Blessed be God forever!*
That connects with others while staying apart: *Blessed be God forever!*
That weeps and laughs and sits in silence: *Blessed be God forever!*
For the human family in deeper communion: *Blessed be God forever!*

In faith and love, we ask you, God, let not this virus consume our world.
But breathe your Spirit in us again that we may praise you unceasingly
with Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

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Music

- [Jesus, Heal Us](#)
- [In the Arms of God](#)
- [By Our Love](#) (video portion reflective of today's challenge)
- [Spirit's Prayer](#)
- [Shelter Me](#)
- [We Are Called](#)
- [Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah](#)
- [Hallelujah Chorus](#) (with creative video)
- [Taize Community Choir](#)
- [Pentecost Sunday Concert](#) (with David Haas)
- [Dona Nobis Pacem](#) (Lord, Give Us Peace)
- [You Already Know](#)
- [Resources from GIA Music](#)
- [We Shall Overcome](#)
- [You Alone](#) (children's choir)
- [Carrie Newcomer's videos](#)
- [Never Walk Alone](#)
- [You Do Not Walk Alone](#)
- [I will sing for you](#)
- [Colorado Symphony's Digital Ode to Joy](#)

“The pandemic is not a judgment
from God, but a time for us to judge,
to choose what matters and what passes away....
It is a time to get our lives back on track.

- Pope Francis
Urbi et Orbi on March 27, 2020

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Ideas and Suggestions for Families

- [Resources for Parents: How to Navigate Today's Pandemic Season](#)
- [Palpable Dark & Light: Parenting in the Age of COVID-19](#)
- [How Parents Can Help Kids Thrive in an Uncertain Future](#)
- [Conscious Parenting in the Time of Coronavirus](#)

- [Faith-Sharing with Your Kids](#)
- [Mass on TV: Tips for Transforming the Couch into a Pew](#)
- [Worship@Home Liturgy of the Word: Dynamic Family Services... Until We Gather Again](#)

- [Family Resources](#)
- [Kids Activities](#)
- [Keep Kids Active At Home](#)
- [Wide Open School](#)

- [2 P.M. Daily Broadcasts from National Geographic](#)
- [A DIY edifying film festival for the social distanced and quarantined](#)
- [10 Ways to Share Hope with Children](#)

- [The Allelu Show](#)
- [11 Easter Resources To Use With Catholic Children](#) (Easter lasts for 50 days)
- [Resources for Faith at Home](#)

- [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) is providing a wealth of resources tailored to a child's developmental stage. These range from how to prepare a prayer table, praying with children at home, developmentally suitable scripture passages, and resources for celebrating liturgical seasons at home.

- [Dear Lord, How Can We Be of Service?](#)
- [Stuck at Home? Your Family Can Still Be a Blessing To Others](#)

- [Family, Faith, and Fun](#)
- [Nature Scavenger Hunt](#)
- [Peace in the Storm](#)
- [Catholic Icing](#)

- [Reconciliation in the Family: A Simple Service](#)
- [Saint Stories for Kids](#)
- [Creating a Prayer Space in Your Home](#)
- [Reading the Bible as a Family](#)
- [Praying at Mealtime](#)
- [Observing the Liturgical Calendar](#)
- [At Home with your Faith](#)

- Articles about how to talk with children about COVID-19
 - [Helping kids cope with the coronavirus outbreak](#)
 - [How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus \(from PBS for younger children\)](#)
 - [Coronavirus Video from BrainPOP](#)
 - [Helping Children with Scary News](#)

- Some books for children
 - [Moonbeam: A Book of Meditations for Children](#)
 - [Starbright: Meditations for Children](#)
 - [Praying in Color](#)
 - [Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life](#)

- [Teach your kids to pray for the sick](#)
- [Help Others With Our Kind Kid Challenge 'B-KIND' Bingo Game](#)
- Elizabeth Foss offers free downloads of her [Stories of Grace prayer journal for children](#), including a series of reflections on the parables.

- [Activities and ideas for you and your elementary children](#)
- [Activities and ideas for you and your middle and high school teens](#)
- [10 Care for God's Creation Printables for Catholics to Use at Home](#)

- [Ten Family Ways for Quarantine Days](#)
- [52 Creative Ideas for 52 Weeks of Fun](#)

- [An Antidote to Social Distancing: Increasing Relational Connection with Your Grandkids](#)
- [9 Creative Ways to Connect with Grandchildren Using Skype or Facetime](#)

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- [Zoom Grandparenting: 3 Tips](#)
- [Worshiping at home on Sundays](#)

“This pandemic experience is a massive experiment in collective vulnerability.

We can be our worst selves when we’re afraid, or our very best, bravest selves. In the context of fear and vulnerability, there is often very little in between because when we are uncertain and afraid our default is self-protection. We don’t have to be scary when we’re scared. Let’s choose awkward, brave and kind.

- Brene Brown

Reaching out and Good News

- In Elora, Ontario, a woman received an email from a neighbor in her apartment building that simply said, “There is a ray of sunshine in the hall for you.” When she stepped out, she discovered that they had placed a vase of spring flowers in front of each resident’s door.
- [Karunavirus: Responding with Compassion](#)
- [Strategies and Tools for COVID-Related Outreach](#)
- [35 ways to love your neighbors right now](#)
- [Six Feet of Separation: Making a Difference Despite the Social Distance](#)
- [Show Up Now](#)
- [Dear Lord, How Can We Be of Service?](#)
- [#OnceADay Service Challenge](#)
- [Help Homeless People Remotely During Hard Times](#)

- [Helping Your Community in a Time of Social Distancing](#)
- [10 Tips on How to Maintain a Routine of Kindness during Difficult Times](#)

Pope Francis began his morning Mass praying for “unity among us, that the difficulties of this time make us discover the communion among us, the unity that always is greater than every division.”

- April 14, 2020

Suggestions and Reflections for All of Us

- [That Discomfort You’re Feeling Is Grief](#)
- [Nine Social Distancing Activities That Have Proven Mental Health Benefits](#)
- [Humans are resilient, let us trust ourselves and each other](#)
- [Feeling antsy? Morose? Kathleen Norris offers tips to cope with acedia](#)
- [Lessons from Staying at Home](#)
- [As the suffering of many weighs on me, I’m learning to pray again](#)
- [Artist Kadir Nelson’s evocative response to the pandemic](#)
- [Martin Luther King Jr.’s Unsettled World Has Lessons For Ours](#)
- [Physical Distancing, Not Social Distancing](#)
- [Can I complain about coronavirus? Why it is OK to vent, sometimes](#)
- [How To Grieve Loved Ones When Funerals Aren’t An Option](#)
- [Resiliency in Times of Crisis](#)

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- [Three Tips from a Therapist for Calming Your Coronavirus Anxiety](#)
- [Coronavirus Anxiety Workbook](#)
- [Stuck at Home? How to Find Awe and Beauty Indoors](#)
- [This Is Me at 68: Elders Reflect During Crisis](#)
- [How Staying Put Can Help You Discover Your Next](#)
- [How not to get overwhelmed by the pandemic](#)
- [Kindness Resources](#)

Helps regarding the Use of Technology

- Zoom
 - [Learn How to Use Zoom in 5 Mins for Online Small Groups](#)
 - [Scheduling a Zoom Meeting](#)
 - [Host and Co-Host Controls in a Meeting](#)
 - [How to stream a Zoom meeting to Facebook Live and/or YouTube](#)
 - [Warning over surge in Zoom security incidents](#)
 - [5 Ways to Protect Your Zoom Meetings From Hackers](#)
 - [Enabling breakout rooms](#)
 - [Zoom tips for the modern age](#)
 - [The best tips for using Zoom](#)
 - [The reason Zoom calls drain your energy](#)
- [Online Groups](#) is a helpful guide to setting up online groups and structuring meetings. It also includes a list of tools to use.
- [GoToMeeting](#) (free for 90 days to non-profits)
- [How to Create a Facebook Business Page in 5 Simple Steps](#)
- [Offering Online Worship: A Simple Guide](#)
- [Tips on Live Steaming Mass by the USCCB](#)
- [How to Livestream Your Church Service in 4 Easy Steps](#)
- [Re:Imagine Easter Online Webinar](#) (Many of the ideas here are for all time, but not just the Easter season.)

10 WAYS TO SECURE ZOOM!

- 1 Use a Unique ID for Large or Public Zoom Calls**
When you schedule a Zoom meeting, look for the Meeting ID options and choose Generate Automatically. Doing so plugs up one of the biggest holes that Zoom-bombers can exploit.
- 2 Require a Meeting Password**
One way to protect the meeting is to require a password. You can give the password out only to those who have replied and seem credible. To password-protect a meeting, start by scheduling a meeting and checking the box next to Require meeting password.
- 3 Create a Waiting Room**
When participants log into the call, they see a Waiting Room screen, the host, lets them in. You can let people in all at once or one at a time, which means if you see names you don't recognize in the Waiting Room, you don't have to let them in at all.
- 4 Only the Hosts Should Share Their Screen**
Make sure your settings indicate that the only people allowed to share their screens are hosts. You can enable this setting in advance as well as during a call.
- 5 Create an Invite-Only Meeting**
Only people who can join the call are those you invited, and they must sign in using the same email address you used to invite them.
- 6 Lock a Meeting Once It Starts**
While the meeting is running, navigate to the bottom of the screen and click Manage Participants. The Participants panel will open. At the bottom, choose More > Lock Meeting.
- 7 Kick Someone Out or Put Them on Hold**
During the call, go to the participants pane on the right. Hover over the name of the person you want to boot and when options appear, choose Remove.
- 8 Disable Someone's Camera**
If someone is being rude or inappropriate on video, the host can open the Participants panel and click on the video camera icon next to the person's name.
- 9 Prevent Animated GIFs and Other Files in the Chat**
In the chat area of a Zoom meeting, participants can share files, including images and animated GIFs—if you let them.
- 10 Disable Private Chat**
Open Settings in the Zoom web app (it's not in the desktop app). On the left side, go to Personal > Settings. Then click In Meeting (Basic). Scroll until you see Private chat. When the button is gray, it's disabled.

Info Credit: <https://www.zoom.us/news/how-to-prevent-zoom-bombing>
Design: Liberty Leadership Development, LLC

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Some Comedic Relief

- [Clergy laugh off bloopers as the coronavirus forces churches online](#)
- [‘It Is Not Going Good:’ Boy Writes Hilarious Critique Of Mom’s Homeschooling Skills](#)
- On a sunny Monday morning in 2050, Karen unwraps the last roll of toilet paper that her parents purchased in 2020.
- We’re all going to be so bored by the end of this; everyone will know how to fold a fitted sheet.
- Most useless purchase of 2019: 2020 planner



- Me: Alexa what’s the weather this weekend?
Alexa: It doesn’t matter – you’re not going anywhere.

- Quarantine day 6: Went to this restaurant called The Kitchen. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- ["Maskmaker, Maskmaker"](#)
- Out of an abundance of caution, both MLA and Chicago Style manuals are re-instituting the “two spaces in between each sentence” to emphasize social distancing.
- [For Teachers](#)
- Homeschooling Update: My child just said, “I hope I don’t have the same teacher next year.”
- Do Re Mi: Covid Version



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Additional ideas for Adult Faith Formation Planning and Best Practices can be found in:

- *Deepening Faith: Adult Faith Formation in the Parish*
<https://www.litpress.org/Products/4652/Deepening-Faith>
- *The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation*
http://www.lifelongfaith.com/store/p25/The_Seasons_of_Adult_Faith_Formation.html and <http://www.lifelongfaith.com/2015-adult-faith-formation-symposium.html>