# Be Formed

## A 90-DAY DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE FOR MEN & WOMEN



## SEASON 8 Eucharístic Revival





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Welcome to Season 8 of Be Formed!

We are excited that you are on this pathway of discipleship with us. Our goal for Be Formed is to provide opportunities for each person to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, scripture, the sacraments, community, and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Be Formed intends to meet you where you are and help you take one step closer to Jesus.

Don't worry if you have missed previous seasons of Be Formed. Each season can be taken on its own. We hope that you enjoy this season and continue to journey with us through future seasons of Be Formed.

We have developed a "Pathway to Discipleship" diagram (see back cover). Discipleship begins with a deep, personal ENCOUNTER with Jesus. After the encounter, we desire to GROW in that relationship. As we grow, we desire to bring the love of Jesus to others, so we want to EQUIP you with the tools needed for evangelization. Then each of us is sent to GO and make disciples of others. We continually move around the bases as a growing disciple, while at the same time we walk with others around the bases as a missionary disciple.

We invite you to use this journal to capture what Christ is putting on your heart as you experience the teachings from Be Formed and pray with the Scriptures. This journal will be a good asset to bring to your small group meeting to aid in your discussions and with conversations with your spiritual director, mentor, or guide. We are happy you are on this journey with us, and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us as well.

Buen Camino and God bless you,

Fr. Surke Masters

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# Be Formed Commitment Card

CHECK ANY COMMITMENTS BELOW YOU FEEL GOD IS CALLING YOU TO FOR THIS 90-DAY SEASON

#### SPIRITUAL COMMITMENTS

- □ Mass weekly or daily
- □ Confession monthly
- □ Adoration weekly Holy Hour
- □ Daily Prayer 20-60 minutes
- $\Box$  Pray daily with Scripture for Mass
- □ Pray the Examen each night
- $\Box$  Spend time with a spiritual mentor
- $\Box$  Pray the Rosary daily
- □ Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily

#### INTELLECTUAL COMMITMENTS

- Participate in a Lectio Divina or Bible study group
- □ Read 5 pages of a Catholic book
- □ Journal your thoughts from Scripture, books, or studies 5-10 minutes each day
- $\square$  Weekly session with small group
- □ Monthly session with large group

#### HUMAN COMMITMENTS

- □ Practice virtuous living
- □ Eat regularly
- □ Drink at least 64 oz of water daily
- $\Box$  Get 7+ hours of sleep per night
- $\square$  Fast between meals
- $\Box$  Fast from sweets
- $\square$  Fast from soft drinks and/or alcohol
- □ Exercise 3-5 times per week
- $\hfill\square$  Limit cell phone and TV distractions
- □ Limit non-essential purchases

#### PASTORAL COMMITMENTS

- $\square$  Be a friend
- □ Expand/connect with groups
- Donate time through the Works of Mercy
- Donate talent through the Works of Mercy
- Donate treasure through the Works of Mercy

## COMMITMENT CARD CHECK-IN LOG

In the columns below, use a scale of 1-10 to rate the difficulty of the commitments you made, 1 = no difficulty at all, 10 = extremely difficult

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## SEASON 8: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

- Week 1: What's Our Story?
- Week 2: Who is Jesus?
- Week 3: Am I Saved?
- Week 4: Why A Church?
- Week 5: God is with Us
- Week 6: The Story of the Eucharist
- Week 7: Bread for the Journey
- Week 8: The Eucharist and the Virgin Mary & The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Celebrated
- Week 9: The Structure of the Eucharistic Celebration
- Week 10: Authentic Participation
- **Week 11:** Interior Participation in the Celebration & Adoration and Eucharistic Devotion
- Week 12: The Eucharistic Form of Christian Life, Everyday Life
- Week 13: The Eucharist and Moral Transformation, Mission & Conclusion

#### HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

This workbook is designed to be a place to write down your conversations with God. Fill out the pages that help you grow closer to our Lord. We provide many options, and none are mandatory. Never do more than what God is calling you to do in this season of your life.

God bless you!

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## SECTION ONE

## Weekly Topic & Weekly Lectio Divina Pages

- 1 Each week, follow the link for Father Burke's video covering the weekly topic.
- 2 Turn to the page in the workbook for that week's video.
- 3 Write down anything you want to remember or thoughts that came to you while watching the video. Use the questions on the page as a guide.
- **4** Turn to the next page in the workbook and locate the Scripture passage for the week. Follow the link in the weekly video to listen to it, or feel free to open your Bible to the passage and pray it on your own.
- 5 On this page in the workbook, you will see the first step of Lectio Divina called "Lectio." After you prayerfully have listened to or read the Scripture passage, ask yourself, "What word or phrase strikes me?" Jot it down (there is no right or wrong answer).
- 6 The next step is called "Meditatio." Listen to or read the Scripture again. Pause and think about this prompt: "This word, phrase, or image reminds me of, or connects to…" The goal here is to see how God is speaking to you in your life. Maybe it reminds you of something you experienced as a child, something you heard before, a big decision you are facing, or something that happened last week. Jot down your thoughts.
- 7 The next step is called "Oratio." Listen to or read the Scripture again. What is God saying to you in return after you have meditated on how this connects to your life? Pause. Jot down your thoughts. Does this draw more from you? It might be, "Thank you, God, for..." Or, "God, help me understand..." Allow yourself time to see how God is working with, in, and through you.
- 8 The final step is called "Contemplatio." Listen to or read the Scripture again. Sit in God's presence, taking time to listen. This step takes time and practice. Let God look upon you with delight. Pause and think about the prompt: "I think God is teaching me..." Take comfort knowing sometimes we do not come to an answer right away. Write down any thoughts.
- **9** Close your prayer time with a Glory Be for all the work God is doing with, in, and through you as you grow closer to the Trinity.
- **10** Before bed, write down the moments you recognized God's presence through the blessings of your day.

## WEEK 1 WHAT'S OUR STORY?

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** Reflect on God's immense love for you... you are His beloved. How might accepting that you are living in God's love story help you to live out true Christian joy?

## **LECTIO DIVINA** JEREMIAH 29:11-14

## LECTIO

#### **MEDITATIO**

## ORATIO

CONTEMPLATIO

## WEEK 2 WHO IS JESUS?

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** What practice or habit can you foster to help make Jesus the center of your life? Consider praying the Act of Spiritual Communion found on page 149.

MARK 4:35-41

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## WEEK 3 AM I SAVED?

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** How does the belief that love himself, Christ Jesus, is as present to you as he was to the people he met in the Sea of Galilee 2000 years ago, lead you to live a fuller and more abundant life?

MARK 10:46-52

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## WEEK 4 WHY A CHURCH?

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** How do your Christian friends both challenge you and help build you up on your faith journey? Share an example of this with your group.

JOHN 15:5, 7-9, 12-14

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## WEEK 5 GOD IS WITH US

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** How has your full and active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass made a tangible difference in your life?

JOHN 6:32-35, 47, 51

## LECTIO

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## WEEK 6 THE STORY OF THE EUCHARIST

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist help you to appreciate or look forward to the celebration of the Mass?

LUKE 24:13-16, 27-33

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## WEEK 7 BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** What can you do this week to prepare to receive the Eucharist? What is God asking you to bring to the altar to be transformed, like the bread and wine?

MATTHEW 28:16-20

## LECTIO

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## WEEK 8

# THE EUCHARIST AND THE VIRGIN MARY & THE EUCHARIST, A MYSTERY TO BE CELEBRATED

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

4 Reflect on the motherhood of Mary as both Theotokos (God-bearer) and mother of us all. Pray for her intercession and ask her to present you to her son Jesus as you receive Him in the Eucharist.

<sup>5</sup> As a group, pray with the Lectio Divina Scripture for this week.

## LECTIO DIVINA 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

## LECTIO

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## THE STRUCTURE OF THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

Pope Benedict XVI notes that during Mass, the presentation of the gifts "is not to be viewed simply as a kind of interval between the liturgy of the word and liturgy of the Eucharist." Reflect on what it means to bring to the altar all the pain and suffering of the world. What are you bringing to the altar each time you participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?

<sup>5</sup> As a group, pray with the Lectio Divina Scripture for this week.

JOHN 1:14-16

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## WEEK 10 AUTHENTIC PARTICIPATION

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** Active participation requires that our inner disposition fosters a heart reconciled to God. What are some ways that you can live in a spirit of constant conversion?

GALATIANS 4:1-7

## LECTIO

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## WEEK 11

## INTERIOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATION & ADORATION AND EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

4 How might the act of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance extend the supreme act of adoration which is receiving Jesus in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist? Consider praying the Anima Christi, found on page 150, with your group or in the Lord's presence in adoration.

EPHESIANS 1:7-12

## LECTIO

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## **WEEK 12**

## THE EUCHARISTIC FORM OF CHRISTIAN LIFE, EVERYDAY LIFE

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

**4** To receive Christ in the Eucharist brings us radical newness. Take some time to reflect on the blessing of being able to take part in the celebration of the Holy Mass and pray for those communities that lack the presence of a Catholic priest.

JOHN 6:54-58

## LECTIO

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## **WEEK 13**

## THE EUCHARIST AND MORAL TRANSFORMATION, MISSION & CONCLUSION

1 Where did you recognize God's presence in your life this week?

2 What touched your heart at Mass this week?

3 What struck you from this week's video?

4 Christ's love that we receive in the Eucharist is not something that we can keep to ourselves. How are you being called today to offer witness to God's love?

**REVELATION 21:1-7** 

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#### SECTION TWO

#### Weekend Pages

- 1 The weekend pages are designed to be used during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.
- 2 Pray with the Word (the readings) for Mass for the upcoming Sunday.
- 3 Write down your thoughts in the Lectio Divina section of the page.
- 4 Bring your workbook with you to Mass on the weekend.
- 5 Use the section below the Lectio Divina to write down any thoughts from the homily that strike you.
- 6 Based on the Word and the homily, how is God calling you to respond?
- 7 Refer to the weekend page during the week to keep you focused on how God spoke to you at Mass.
- 8 Bring any points you want to share to your small group session.

## WEEKEND 1

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**LECTIO** 

## **MEDITATIO**

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Points that struck me from today's homily: How I will take action this week:

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# SECTION THREE Daily Pages

- 1 The daily pages are for those participants who desire to pray with the Word (the readings) for Mass on any given day.
- 2 You can access the daily readings at bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading
- 3 Write down your thoughts in the Lectio Divina section of the page.
- 4 If you desire, watch Father Burke's daily reflection on the readings for Mass that day.
- 5 Write down any thoughts from Father's reflection that strikes you.
- 6 Next, write down how God is calling you to respond today.

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**REMINDER:** Log progress in the Commitment Card (pg. 4)

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### SECTION FOUR

### Night of Reflection Pages

- 1 These pages are a place to write down any points you want to remember from the Nights of Reflection.
- 2 How did God speak to you through the reflection?
- 3 How is God calling you to respond to what you've learned?
- **4** Bring any points you want to share to your small group sesion.

## FIRST NIGHT OF REFLECTION

## SECOND NIGHT OF REFLECTION

## THIRD NIGHT OF REFLECTION

## FOURTH NIGHT OF REFLECTION

#### SECTION FIVE

Pages for Prayers and Notes

Feel free to use this space to write down the prayer intentions of your prayer partner, your small group members, or anyone who asks for prayers.

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### PRAYERS FOR USE WITH SMALL GROUPS

### PRAYER TO BEGIN A Be Formed MEETING

Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you for the graces and blessings of this day. We thank you for each member of this small group. Open our hearts that we may know your infinite love for us. Open our minds that we may learn something new about you. Help us to remember the graces of this week. Help us to listen attentively to one another. Help us take one step closer to You today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER TO END A Be Formed MEETING

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the graces of this meeting. You have heard the petitions we've voiced out loud, and you know those we hold in the silence of our hearts. We entrust them to your providential care. Mother Mary, please wrap your mantle of protection around us and our families. Pray for us, that we may stay close to your Son Jesus. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

#### SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

### ANIMA CHRISTI

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you That with your saints I may praise you For ever and ever. Amen. Anima Christi, sanctifica me. Corpus Christi, salva me. Sanguis Christi, inebria me. Aqua lateris Christi, lava me. Passio Christi, conforta me. O bone Jesu, exaudi me. Intra tua vulnera absconde me. Intra tua vulnera absconde me. Ne permittas me separari a te. Ab hoste maligno defende me. In hora mortis meae voca me. Et iube me venire ad te, Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te. In saecula saeculorum. Amen.

## HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
- 3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
- **4.** Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
- 5. Say the Glory Be.
- 6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery on the first bead...

Sunday & Wednesday: Glorious Mysteries Monday & Saturday: Joyful Mysteries Tuesday & Friday: Sorrowful Mysteries, Thursday: Luminous Mysteries)

...then say the Our Father.

7. On each of the following ten beads, say a *Hail Mary* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*.

(After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)

**8.** After saying the five decades, say the *Hail*, *Holy Queen*, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.

There are many resources available online to help guide you through praying the Mysteries of the Rosary such as: https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary

## HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2. Pray the opening prayer:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

**3.** Repeat three times:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!

- 4. Say a Hail Mary.
- 5. Say the Apostles Creed.
- 6. For each of the five decades:

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:

- V. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
- R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

- V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,
- R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- **7.** Repeat three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Pray the Closing Prayer:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

9. Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

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