

Lay Witness Formation Intro

Intro

“then the LORD God formed the man out of clay” Genesis 2:7 Good Evening/Morning, our/my name is _____ and I have been invited to share my formation journey. The scripture passage I/we referenced is a perfect illustration of what Catholic formation is like. Image for a moment God, an artist forming each of us in his image. Imagine, God pushing and pulling the clay to form our unique shapes. Applying pressure to the clay here, and finessing detail there. Constantly working the clay until the perfect image appears. That is how formation of our faith is for us now. The purpose of continuous formation works into the image that God wants us to be. Pushing, pulling, challenging, applying pressure and finesse so each of us can be Holy.

At this time you are invited to share an experience in your life when you answered Jesus call. Please choose an experience that is personal. You are not expected to share any intimate details.

My Story:

- Pick an experience in your life when you felt formed by God. This could be a homily, book, lecture, workshop, conference, class, small group, bible study, retreat, a comment from a friend etc.
- How did this event change you? Was it comfortable? Was it challenging? Did it stretch you in a way you did not expect? Did others notice a change in you as a result of the experience?
- How would others benefit from an event like this?
- What encouragement could you offer others to choose a formation experience

Outro

As you think about formation, keep in mind it is a process, not a destination. It is process that not only feeds the head, but changes the heart. Just as Jesus with clay, formation should push, pull, challenge, and finesse each of us to be disciple, to be holy.