

Welcome to the 2020s: Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation

An APCE Pre-event Seminar

Tuesday, February 5, 2019; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Presenter: John Roberto

Registration Fee: \$60.00; Open to the Public

Minimum Number Required: 45 by December 7, 2018



We are on the doorstep of a new decade. So many of the trends and challenges we experience today were just emerging as this decade began: a ten-decade life span, the millennial generation starting families, baby boomers entering their “retirement” years, the younger generations leaving organized religion, multiple family structures and living arrangements, the diversity of ethnic cultures, the recognition of gender and sexual diversity, and more. The arrival of a new decade is a good time to create an “agenda” for the future of faith formation. Together we will explore seven areas for the future development of faith formation in congregations:

- Developing a new ecology of Christian faith formation
- Becoming intentionally intergenerational
- Empowering and equipping parent and family faith
- Designing 21st century faith forming experiences for each stage of life
- Focusing on pathways of faith maturing across the life cycle
- Personalizing faith formation for all ages
- Embracing new faith formation leadership roles

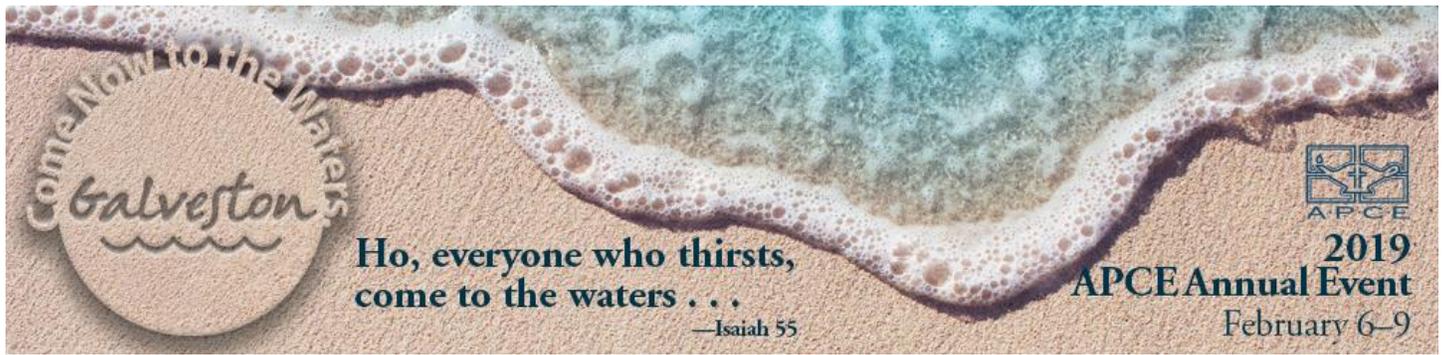


John Roberto is on the leadership team of Vibrant Faith where he serves as the coordinator of training services and project coordinator of the Vibrant Faith Institute. He works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, teaches courses and conducts workshops in faith formation, and has authored books and program manuals in faith formation. His latest publications include *Faith Formation for a New Generation* (2018), *Families at the Center of Faith Formation* (2016), *Seasons of Adult Faith Formation* (2015), *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century* (2015),

Generations Together (2014), and *Faith Formation 2020* (2010). He is the founder of LifelongFaith Associates (2006) and the Center for Ministry Development (1978). John has a master’s degree in religious education from Fordham University and graduate studies in sociology. John has been involved in Christian ministry and faith formation since 1969.

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Silent Retreat at Villa de Matel

An APCE Pre-event RETREAT

Tuesday, February 5, 2019; 8:30 am until 4:30 pm

Leader: Janet Troy of CCVI

Registration fee: \$40.00 (lunch and transportation included)

Minimum Number Required: 10 by December 7, 2018

Maximum Number: 30



Experience silence at Villa de Matel's Ruah Spirituality Center. Ruah is located within Villa de Matel, the motherhouse of The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI), less than an hour from Galveston. Ruah's spaces are set apart for silence. Silence is presented as nonnegotiable: it is offered as a gift and guarded as a treasure for those who seek. Here people are led to rest in God's presence; then the same Breath of God (ruah) who drew them here sends them out to confidently echo the good news of God's love on the streets of their lives. There are numerous prayer spaces within the center, a labyrinth on the grounds and trails for walking. Participants will be oriented to the space and then will spend about 4 hours in silence, ending with a time of debriefing the experience led by a spiritual director.

Visit to Space Center Houston

An APCE Pre-event EXCURSION

Tuesday, February 5, 2019; 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$40.00 (includes transportation)

Lunch on your own at the Space Center

Minimum Number Required: 20 by December 7, 2018

Maximum number: 46



The center features more than 400 space artifacts, permanent and traveling exhibits and theaters related to the exciting future and remarkable past of America's human space-flight program. The experience is designed to engage adults and children alike. Participants will enjoy a tram tour of the Johnson Space Center, visiting Mission Control, and Rocket Park.

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