

Forming the faith of children and young people

“Parents are the most significant influence on the religious and spiritual outcomes of young people. The single most powerful force in a child’s religious formation is the spiritual personality of the parent.” This is the first of four findings of research studies outlined by Dr. John Roberto in his book, *Lifelong Faith*.

“Over the past two decades [actually 4 decades!], research has confirmed the role of parents and the family in forming the faith of children and young people,” reports Roberto.

What would your home need and want to help you in this most crucial vocation of being an adult of faith and practice, mentoring young people, modeling your faith in the Lord, serving and worshipping together?

The St. John Christian Nurture Board continues to support, encourage, and resource the home in faith formation. The Board is committed to developing a three-year plan for faith formation at St. John, building on the work over the past five years. To further this plan, the Board sent member Rebecca Bimler and Director of Christian Education Tim Rippstein to a symposium in Chicago, devoted to guiding congregations in developing lifelong learners.

These four research findings will be shared in the church newsletter and here over next 4 months.