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[John C. Cavadini](#)

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Co-Responsibility for a Culture of Healing in the Church

[Kerry Robinson](#)

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Called & Co-Responsible: Exploring Co-Responsibility for the Mission of the Church

March 4-6, 2020 at the University of Notre Dame

"Co-responsibility demands a change in mindset especially concerning the role of lay people in the Church. They should not be regarded as “collaborators” of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really “co-responsible” for the Church’s being and acting."

–Pope Benedict XVI

"[Evangelization] is the first task of the Church. ... [A] clear awareness of this responsibility of the laity, grounded in their baptism and confirmation, does not appear in the same way in all places. In some cases, it is because lay persons have not been given the formation needed to take on important responsibilities. In others, it is because in their particular churches room has not been made for them to speak and to act, due to an excessive clericalism which keeps them away from decision-making."

–Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 15, 102



TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARISH LIFE



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“A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church... It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2179

Parish is a stable community of the faithful

- Gift: parish gives stability to the faithful
- Task: the faithful provide stability to the parish
- The Eucharist is the basis of stability: Christ abides
- The parish is fundamentally an *eucharistic* community

Parish is place where faithful gather for Sunday Eucharist

- March–May 2020: suspension of public Masses
- Was parish life therefore suspended?
- In time of instability, did we lose the stability of parish?
- Is this when the stability of the eucharistic community is most needed?

Amy Albers
Director of Faith Formation

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Parish Life Outreach

Personal contact with every parish household

Three parts of first contact:

- Check in: *How are you doing?*

Do you need anything right now?

- Pledge Support:

If something comes up, contact me

- Further outreach:

If you know others in need....

Sue Bismack
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Discussion & Reflection

Questions

- What will be required of the faithful to cultivate parish life in the coming years?
- How might we think of this time as an evangelizing moment for our parishes?
- What kind of support and commitment is needed for our parishes to thrive as eucharistic communities?



NEXT WEEK, JUNE 2

CO-RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

DR. JOHN CAVADINI



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