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My name is **xx** and I am a parishioner here at **x**. I'd like to thank **Father/Bishop xx** for allowing me to come and talk to you for a few minutes about a great resource now available in our parish: Formed.org. This is a digital library with over 1000 resources, all teed up and ready for you to stream or to download. Formed offers inspirational Catholic videos, courses, audio talks, books, and movies that give you great Catholic teaching in your life and for your family.

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Thank you for your time today.

OTHER IDEAS

What are some critical spiritual themes that should be included in the retreat?

How can we ensure that the retreat aligns with the teachings of the Catholic Church?

What role do prayer and reflection play in the success of a parish-wide retreat?



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