



FORMED and Forgiven

Last year our diocese was one of the first in the country to link up with FORMED online digital platform delivered by the Augustine Institute in Denver. A special grant from the Diocese to interested parishes subsidized a subscription to FORMED for all parishioners. That subscription brings unlimited, Netflix-like access to an overflowing storehouse of excellent Catholic audio and video presentations, movies, study programs, and e-books at no cost to the individual household. All you have to do is input your parish code and set up your free account. Then start clicking in. You'll be surprised at how much is there to discover.

Around the country a lot of people have been doing just that. By the end of last year over 2,300 parishes had signed up, and more than 210,000 users had made the connection with FORMED. What an extraordinary development this is. Until

just recently, and only in big libraries and big cities, could one gain access to the great cultural riches of Christianity. Now a mere mouse click brings them right into the home of any believer—beautiful productions with mind-expanding content for the ongoing faith formation of individuals, families, and parish groups.

To raise awareness of FORMED throughout the diocese and increase the number of those who've already begun to take advantage of our investment in it, I strongly encourage each parish this March and April to take part in A Lent to Remember—a four-week, parish-wide study of the newly-released program Forgiven—The Transforming Power of Confession. Available in Spanish and English, each weekly episode lasts 30 minutes, and guidebooks facilitate group discussion of what participants have just watched together. What better way to form yourself to make a good confession in the season of penance?

Make this year's journey to Easter a Lent to remember.

