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## Catholic Leadership Institute Releases *Raising Disciples in an Apostolic Age*, Charting a New Path for Family Faith Formation

**Malvern, PA** — As parishes across the country seek new ways to accompany families and form disciples in an increasingly secular culture, Catholic Leadership Institute has released *Raising Disciples in an Apostolic Age*, a new framework offering Church leaders both a renewed vision for family faith formation and practical pathways for parish renewal.

The resource is the culmination of a year-long series of national symposia that brought together nearly 400 bishops, priests, religious, educators, catechists, parish and ministry leaders, and parents from across North America to explore one pressing question: How do we raise children of faith in an apostolic age?

Rather than proposing another parish program, *Raising Disciples in an Apostolic Age* invites Church leaders to rediscover God's design for how disciples are formed. It reexamines the roles of parents, children, and parish communities while offering practical recommendations that dioceses and parishes can begin implementing immediately.

Mary Serafino, Director of Communications at Catholic Leadership Institute and facilitator of the symposia, said the conversations consistently pointed toward a broader understanding of family faith formation. *"One of the greatest insights from this project was realizing that family faith formation isn't simply about helping families become more like the Church. It's also about helping the Church become more like a family. Children, parents, grandparents, mentors, and parish communities all have something to teach us about discipleship."*

The framework is grounded in one central conviction: The future of parish renewal isn't built around families; it is learned from families.

Drawing from the collective wisdom of Church leaders across North America, *Raising Disciples in an Apostolic Age* offers both a compelling vision and a practical framework to help dioceses and parishes strengthen family faith formation, renew parish culture, and raise missionary disciples in today's apostolic age. Made possible through the generosity of the Ambassadors Fund for Catholic Education.

The whitepaper is available for free download by scanning the QR code or visiting [catholicleaders.org/whitepapers](https://catholicleaders.org/whitepapers).



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