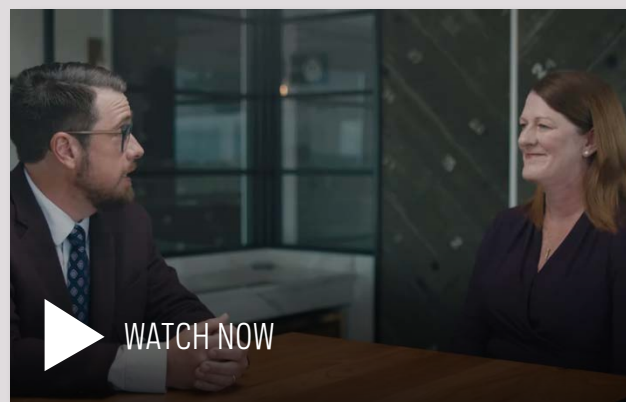


# Building Collaboration Between Schools and Parishes During Crises

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There are a lot of ways to think about crisis today, especially in secular literature. In this dialogue, Dr. Clare Kilbane and Dr. Tim O'Malley focus on how to approach crises with a Catholic worldview and a particular focus on the sacramental life in both parishes and schools.



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does your parish do to approach hard decisions in a way that demonstrates love to those affected by them? What more could it do?
2. How does your parish ensure that all parish and school personnel are prepared to respond to any occasion, especially crises and times when people need accompaniment, by modeling the love of Christ? What more might it do?
3. What does your parish do to intentionally cultivate relationships so that parishioners can support each other in times of crisis? What more might it do?
4. What insights did you have during the crisis of Covid-19 about sacramental preparation in your parish? Did you learn anything about sacramental preparation moving forward?



## SPIRITUAL CONTEMPLATION

Mark 4:35-41

"On that day, as evening drew on, he said to them, 'Let us cross to the other side.' Leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!'<sup>\*</sup> The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?' They were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?'"

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## RESOURCES

[BOOK] [The Five Dysfunctions of a Team](#) by Patrick Lencioni

[BOOK] [Christ in the Storm: An Extraordinary Blessing for a Suffering World](#)  
by Pope Francis

[ARTICLE] [Does a Catholic School Evangelize?](#) by Timothy O'Malley, Ph.D.

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