

Mentoring and Cohort Guide

FRANCISCAN AT HOME
Forming those who form others

One of the great features of Franciscan at Home's approach is that participants have the option of working with a mentor or a cohort. This provides valuable opportunities for accompaniment which is a fundamental part of evangelization, discipleship, and faith formation.

Cohorts

The Office of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry and the Office of Education are recommending that users work in cohorts of 3-6 people with the goal and norm being 4.

Mentors

If there is a situation where there is only one or two users starting a new track, it is advisable that they either work with a mentor (i.e. veteran ministry leader or volunteer who is equipped to mentor/disciple others in the Catholic Faith) or if this is not an option, attend a cohort that can accompany her/him where they are at in the track (in addition to continuing on where they are at together).

Credit

As stated in the "Course Structure" document, each segment consists of a task which usually includes a short video and text entry. Videos may be watched individually or as a group and this is not tracked by the system. Group discussions may be done in lieu of text entries. However, in order for individuals to receive credit, *something* must be entered into the text fields in the segments. Simply entering "*Discussed with my cohort*" will suffice. If nothing is entered, the workshop will not be logged as completed by the system.

Individuals are encouraged to complete the written (typed) tasks even if discussed as group as a matter of record for themselves and their ministry leaders.