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DREs & YMs Retiring from Full-Time Ministry

- **Jim Gill** - Siena Center, after years of serving in various parishes
- **Suzanne Kasper** - St. Peter, East Troy
- **Denise Murre** - St. John XXIII, Port Washington
- **Kathy Ritger** - St. Mary, St. Andrew & St. Theresa - LeRoy/Mayville/Theresa
- **Margaret Sadoski** - Sacred Heart, Horicon/St. Matthew, Neosho
- **Ken Stanczyk** - St. Joseph, Grafton

If you or someone you know is retiring, please email [Jennifer Murphy](#) with their name, current parish and current position in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Changes & Communication

If you are leaving a catechetical position due to position changes, a position at a new parish or any other reason, please let us know. If you are aware of someone newly hired for your parish or in your area, let us know. It is essential that we know who is serving in which positions and parish. Please email [Jennifer Murphy](#).

Updated Matrix and Summer Activities with Young People

An updated [Catholic Comeback Matrix](#) was issued on May 20th. The new matrix removes many restrictions and will make your planning for summer programs much simpler.

Along with the new matrix, there are updated [Guidelines for Summer Programming in Parishes](#). These new guidelines replace and supersede the information we sent out in the past. They pertain to Vacation Bible School, Catholic kids camps, overnight retreats, mission trips in the area, and other summer youth programs. Here are some changes to note:

- There is NO special COVID-19 Consent Form for parents to sign. Although we had planned for it, there is now no need for such a form. (This also means there will be no COVID-19 form as part of registration for fall programs.)
- In these new guidelines, archdiocesan-wide restrictions have been loosened. However, all state and local protocols or limits must be followed. It is up to your parish(es) to be aware of any requirements from the health department or civil authority.
- The remaining guidelines should be considered best practices. While you will find no absolute directives, it is still important to exercise appropriate care in planning your programs. The guidelines serve as a reminder of practices to consider in your particular circumstances.

Plan in collaboration with your pastor, parish director, and other parish leaders. Consistency among various aspects of parish life is helpful.

It is important to inform parents what kind of environment and practices they can expect for their children this summer. Even though special consent forms are not required, parents still need information so they can make informed decisions about their child's participation.

Archbishop Listecki reminds us, "We must remember that after 14 months, some people will not be comfortable in a public setting without face coverings or social distancing. We must continue to treat everyone with dignity and respect."

Congratulations!

On Monday May 7, the following co-workers in the vineyard received their Masters of Arts from the Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.



- Susan Bashynski **
- Margaret Rhody
- Karissa Tousignant
- Rebecca Scholz Zalar

Share your Registration Form and/or Job Description with Us

We are developing a model Registration Form for Faith Formation. Sometimes parishes ask for guidance on updating their registration process, wondering what sort of information is important when parents are registering children for faith formation. If you think you have a fairly good registration form, please send to us. We are mostly interested in the types of information, the data fields, the questions you ask, the permissions, and so on. Format or the means of collection (electronic or paper) is not important.

We are also interested in samples of job descriptions. It has been many years since we reviewed actual samples. We offer an archdiocesan model on the website, but sometimes parishes are looking for language beyond the model. Job descriptions vary greatly from parish to parish. But if you have a job description you are willing to share, please send. . . We are interested in the overall description, specific responsibilities, work relationships, skills/knowledge/abilities required, and so on.

Please send Forms and Descriptions to [Jennifer Murphy](#).

Upcoming Events

Catechetical Conference

SAVE THE DATE for the 2021 Catechetical Conference. This year's conference will be held on **August 27th from 9am - 2:30pm**. The day will begin with Mass and will include general sessions, workshops as well as important ministry updates. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Archdiocese News

Camp De Sales 2021 | Summer Vocations Camp

Young men in high school and middle school are invited to join Fr. Luke, Fr. John, and Milwaukee seminarians for Camp De Sales, an opportunity to encounter God in prayer and community. All camps will be held at St. Francis de Sales Seminary. For more information, or to register your son, please contact the Vocation Office at vocationoffice@sfs.edu | 414-747-6437 or visit www.thinkpriest.org/events/

High School Vocation Camp:

Sunday, June 20 at 6pm - Wednesday, June 23 at Noon

Middle School Day Camps:

Saturday, June 19, 9am - 3pm

Tuesday, July 22, 9am - 3pm

Thursday, August 10, 9am - 3pm

From Our Friends

Cardinal Stritch University Lay Ministry Institute

The Lay Ministry Institute offers non-degree, continuing education courses for adult Catholics who want to learn more about their faith so that they can serve better in their parishes. The courses are meaningful and practical, and the program is affordable and accessible. You do not have to have a particular academic background to enroll – just a desire to grow in faith and ministry together with others. The Lay Ministry Institute offers certificates in **Foundations for Ministry** or **Catechetical Ministries**. The courses in these certificate tracks can also be audited. [See Flyer](#) for more information or contact [Michael Taylor](#), Director of the Saint Clare Center.

St. John Bosco Conference for Evangelization & Catechesis

The annual [St. John Bosco Conference for Evangelization & Catechesis](#) will be held in person on July 12-15. While it is call a "conference" and offer workshops for catechetical ministry, it is also imbued with prayer, reflection, sacraments, and adoration. There are plenty of opportunities to "come away" and simply be with Jesus amid beautiful verdant surroundings. This is a great opportunity to network and restore a sense of unity and fellowship as members of the same Mystical Body of Jesus Christ! [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Resources

Formation Resources

Discover free-of-charge resources to supplement or enhance your lessons. Videos, lesson plans and other resources have been vetted by our review team, and are listed by general topic and by age group. Visit: <https://www.archmil.org/Catechesis/Technology/Formation-Resources.htm>

Do you have a favorite resource to share? Send us your suggestions under "Submit a Resource."

Job Openings

[Youth Evangelization Coordinator - St. Mary, Hales Corners](#)

[Associate Director of Christian Formation - St. Alphonsus, Greendale](#)

[Associate Director of Child & Youth Ministry - St. John XXIII, Port Washington](#)

[Director of Evangelization - Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee](#)

[Child Formation Minister - St. Sebastian, Milwaukee](#)

[Minister of Christian Formation - St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Theresa](#)

[Faith Formation Coordinator - Resurrection, St. Lawrence, St. Peter](#)

[Youth Minister - Middle School - Lumen Christi, Mequon](#)

[Formation and Outreach Associate Director - St. Joseph, Grafton](#)

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