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Message from Gary.

Welcome Nancy!

As many of you may already know, Jennifer Murphy is expecting a baby boy any day now. While Jennifer is out on Maternity leave the next three months, Nancy Redlich will be stepping in as the Administrative Assistant for the Office of Catechesis. You can contact her at 414-758-2240 or redlichn@archmil.org.

Office of Catechesis News

Reach Out Reach In Recap & Thank You

Last week, 42 youth and 18 adults participated in the 30th year of Reach Out Reach In, an intense service week, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Each day the participants went out to 12 different work sites around Milwaukee to participate in direct service opportunities. Some of the locations the teens served at were: Catholic Charities Adult Services, Project Ujima, Meta House, Urban Ecology Center and St. Ann's Intergenerational Center.



In the evenings, the group gathered for education sessions, discussion, and prayer. On Thursday evening during the Advocacy Fair, the worksite groups did "science fair" style presentations to Bishop Haines and guests, explaining what they learned during the week, the connection to Catholic Social Teaching and how working at the site made a difference. The week closed with Mass for the participants and their families as well as a slideshow, recapping the weeks events.

A big thank you to all our adult Leaders who without them this week would not be possible:

- Mary Osep - RORI Administrator
- Tanya Gross & Nate Friday- Program Directors
- Sue Wenzzell - Cook

Worksite Leaders:

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| • Taylor Baar | • Eric Michalski |
| • Chris Crom | • Mary Ellen O' Sullivan |
| • Ed Duncklee | • Betsy Potter |
| • Michael Friess | • Maryann Radowski |
| • Brian Jens | • Terry Shiltz-Nowak |

- Maria Madden
- Sandra McCabe
- Colleen Sullivan-Konyn
- Gerry Wolf

Introducing our new Associate Director of Youth Evangelization

We're very pleased to introduce Doug Ulaszek as this new Associate Director for Youth Evangelization. Doug will support middle/high school youth ministry efforts and Confirmation preparation. He will be available to you and your teams for ministry visioning, sharing resources, on-going trainings, and unquestionably, some well-deserved supportive cups of coffee. Doug works with Pete Burds in the new "Office of Youth, Young Adult, & Campus Outreach." Doug can be reached at ulaszekd@archmil.org or 414-758-2211 (Note: the original announcement had an incorrect phone number. This is the correct number.)

Here is Doug's self-introduction:

I was born and raised in Chicagoland, then relocated to Iowa State University for undergraduate studies. While there, I met my wife, Beth. We have been married for 7 years and have 4 ridiculous children - Benedict (6), Gregory (4.5), Lucy (2.5), and Leo (1). During college, I worked at Camp Gray in the Madison Diocese, which led to a year of missionary work there and finally settling in Madison to work in parish youth ministry for the last 7 years. We just moved into a new house in Wauwatosa, and plan to hang a nice Cubs 'W' flag as soon as I can find it among the boxes. The whole adventure of ending up in Milwaukee was quite unexpected, but so clearly the will of the Lord, and we are so excited to be here! I am particularly excited to be joining the JPPII Office for the New Evangelization and getting to know the many people who selflessly serve our youth in parishes and around the Archdiocese. Know of our prayers for all of you, and please continue to pray for us!

Welcome, Doug!

Request for Workshop Proposal

Gigs, Geeks and God will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Milwaukee. This training day for parish staff and volunteers is aimed at helping parishes understand and integrate technology in their education programs, communications, and parish administration.

The Technology In Faith Formation Committee invites proposals for workshops on topics of interest to religious educators, business managers, youth ministers, clergy, parish council members, teachers and volunteers. For more information regarding presenting or if you are interested in presenting at the 2020 Gigs Geeks and God Conference, please [click here](#).

Become a NCCL Member through the Archdiocese

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) promotes catechesis and evangelization in the Church and enhances the ministerial effectiveness of its members. For more information on NCCL Membership visit the [NCCL website](#).

Parish Catechetical Leaders (PCLs) can become NCCL members as part of our Archdiocesan Membership.

- If you serve in a parish in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, in a catechetical leadership role, you may now enroll as a member and receive all benefits, at a greatly reduced cost.
- PCLs include directors or coordinators of religious education, faith formation, youth ministry, child ministry, evangelization, adult formation, and so on.
- During 2019, membership through the Archdiocese is available for a \$24 contribution to NCCL, instead of the normal membership fee of \$102.

To join NCCL:

1. Register through the Archdiocese by using the link below. Provide contact information and submit.
2. Once your PCL status is verified, you will receive instructions for activating your membership via the NCCL website. It will be on the NCCL webpage that you will pay the \$24 contribution.

[Register for NCCL Membership](#)

Note: If you are already a member of NCCL, we will send information about renewing your membership, which will also require the \$24 contribution this year.

Upcoming Events

[Download](#) the Catechesis & Youth Ministry Office Calendar to stay up to date on events.



2019-20 Catechetical Calendar

August 2019	January 2020
15 Feast of the Assumption - Office Closed	1 New Year's Day - Office Closed
23-24 Catechetical Conference	9 Ghs, Geks and God
September 2019	21 New Directors Institute
2 Labor Day - Office Closed	9:30 @ MMCPC
15 Catechetical Sunday	February 2020
17 New Directors Institute	13 New Directors Institute
9:30 @ MMCPC	9:30 @ MMCPC
October 2019	26 Ash Wednesday
10 New Directors Institute	March 2020
9:30 @ MMCPC	3 New Directors Institute
29 New Directors Institute	9:30 @ MMCPC
9:30 @ MMCPC	26 New Directors Institute
November 2019	9:30 @ MMCPC
1 All Saints Day - Office Closed	April 2020
19 New Directors Institute	19 Good Friday - Office Closed
9:30 @ MMCPC	12 Easter Day
21-24 National Catholic Youth Conference	18 Celebration of Catholic Scouting
(NCYC)	3:00 @ MMCPC
28-29 Thanksgiving - Office Closed	May 2020
December 2019	12 Finnish Line
12 New Directors Institute	TBD
9:30 @ MMCPC	25 Memorial Day - Office Closed
24-25 Christmas Eve/Day - Office Closed	June 2020
31 New Year's Eve - Office Closed	

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Catechetical Conference - Register Now

The Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry will be hosting our 3rd Annual Catechetical Conference **August 23-24, 2019** at the Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center in Milwaukee. The conference will offer presentations for catechists, catechetical leaders, and others who pass on the faith.

The Conference will begin on Friday with a general session and will include round table sharing, workshop sessions, Mass, as well as time to visit exhibitors and network. The Conference continues on Saturday with general sessions and multiple workshops. Friday's sessions will focus on topics pertinent to Catechetical Leaders while Saturday will offer sessions for both catechetical leaders and catechists. You may attend Friday, Saturday or both days. [Visit the conference webpage for the schedule, speakers and to register.](#)

New Directors Institute

The New Directors Institute is designed to provide information, support, materials, and resources that will be helpful to a new youth minister or director of faith formation as their ministry unfolds. All directors of religious education, youth ministry and lifelong faith formation who are new or nearly new to ministry, or new to archdiocese are encouraged to join us.

Institute sessions are scheduled every three weeks or so, beginning September 17th. They are held on a Tuesday or Thursday, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm and include lunch. [Visit the New Directors Institute page for more information, session dates, and to register.](#)

Archdiocese News

Regarding Windows in Classroom, Office, Meeting Room Doors

Our safe environment guidelines and the Code of Ethical Standards require, when meeting with minors in a room, that the door should have a window or be left open. But some schools have received different advice from law enforcement who are concerned about intruders. Catholic Mutual has addressed the [issue](#), stands by the current policy, supports placement of a drop shade, but does not want schools/parishes to remove or permanently obscure windows into rooms used by minors, nor to close classroom doors. Please continue the current practice. Read the full clarification [here](#).

On Mission to the Nones

How should we church ministers think about our ministry in light of the growing numbers of “Nones,” that is, people who when asked their religious affiliation would say “none.” Our own Rich Harter authored a concise article on this: *On Mission to the Nones – The Leadership Conversion and the Call to Disciple-Making*. This is one of the resources provided by the USCCB for Catechetical Sunday.

See his article and other Catechetical Sunday resources at: <http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/stay-with-us/index.cfm>

Seven Days of Service

As you may know, [Seven Days of Service \(September 22-29, 2019\)](#), which is part of the archdiocesan 175th anniversary observance, will be an opportunity to highlight and invite people to the witness of service in our communities.

Your parish can become involved in *Seven Days of Service* in three main ways:

1. Develop or highlight service opportunities your parish will offer during the week of September 23-28, 2019 and invite your parishioners to participate in them.
2. Take part in packaging “Care Bundle Packages” in your area
3. Participate in collaborative events with other agencies.

Parishes will be asked to extend a blessing to those who be involved in the *Seven Days of Service* during the Masses on September 21-22. Contact Rob Shelledy (shelledyr@archmil.org or 414-758-2286) or Jenni Oliva (olivaj@archmil.org or 414-769-3585) if you have any questions.

Lay Ministry Programs

The Archdiocesan Synod, held in 2014, raised up lay leadership in the local Church as being of great significance. One of the top priorities that emerged from the Synod was the need to support, train and form qualified lay ecclesial ministers (paid church positions) in service to the Church, with an emphasis on developing leadership roles, especially for women.

Over the last two years, Susan McNeil, the Director of Lay Ministry, has worked with our local institutions of higher education to increase the number of students seeking further education in theology or religious studies. It is the hope that every lay minister/parish employee in the archdiocese will seek to deepen their studies of our Catholic faith, and continue to grow in their pastoral skills. Training and supporting our lay ministers remains an important priority to us as a Church. To that end, Archbishop ListECKi has created two programs to assist Lay Ministers:

- [The Archbishop's Scholars Fund](#)
- [The Continuing Formation Grant](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Susan McNeil, Director of Lay Ministry, at mcneils@archmil.org, or 414-758-2214.

2020 Confirmations

The Confirmations for those parishes that have submitted Confirmation requests for 2020 have now been scheduled. The schedule is posted on the website at [Confirmation 2020](#), so you can find your date. Also on the [website](#), there is a liturgy planning guideline available that can help your parish plan for Confirmation.

Please note: The liturgy planning guide has been updated to make it easier to use. Also, on that same web page you will see other resources to help you prepare your confirmation liturgy.

If your parish is not scheduled for Confirmation 2020, please contact Nancy Kerns, Administrative Assistant to the Auxiliary Bishops, at kernsn@archmil.org, or 414-769-3594 to make your arrangements.

From our Friends

Nominate a Catechist

Catechist Magazine annually recognizes outstanding catechists from around the country. The magazine invites you to nominate a parish catechist, director of religious education, faith formation leader, or youth minister that you think is worthy.

For details or to nominate : <https://www.catechist.com/catechist-honors/>

District 8 Catechist Training: Strategies for Engaging Elementary Children

Monday, August 5th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Shepherd of the Hills Parish, Eden

Join District 8 for a presentation on Strategies for Engaging Elementary Children lead by Lisa Jachimiec, Director of Christian Formation at St. Leonard. Please feel free to bring along ideas and items you use in your ministry to share with others. Approved for Archdiocese of Milwaukee Religious Education Certification: 1 Clock Hour Methods, Basic/Intermediate. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQCFGJL>. Please contact Katie with any questions: kboehm@sothparish.org or 920-960-1550.

C.O.R.E Program (Certification Of Religious Educators)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 9:00am - 3:45pm

Sacred Heart Parish, Horicon

Sponsored by the Dodge County Christian Formation Ministers, CORE will feature two presentations: "Gamification" Using Game Elements in Learning Environments; and Making Ordinary Time Extraordinary!

3 Hours, Methods; Basic/Intermediate/Maintenance for each presentation

Optional: 1 Clock Hour, Methods for Extending Your Portfolio

For more information and to register, [download the brochure](#).

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

The national Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies® is being offered in Chicago. Courses this fall include:

- Sep 14 (Sat) - Justice and Service - Chicago
- Sep 15 (Sun) - Pastoral Care - Chicago

- Sep 23 - Oct 12, 2019 (Mon-Sat) -Fostering Positive Adolescent Development and Faith Growth - Online Course

The Certificate program is a ministry education program for adults in ministry with youth in parish or school settings. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive youth ministry. [Learn more about the Certificate](#). To register, or for information, contact Chelsea Piper, Archdiocese of Chicago, 312-534-8034 or cpiper@archchicago.org

Youth Ministry Subscription Discount

Youth Ministry Access (YMA) is a subscription website designed especially for Catholic youth ministry leaders in parishes, schools, retreat centers. . . Because more than 10 parishes in the archdiocese are subscribers, the Center for Ministry Development is offering subscribers within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee **20% off** renewals or new subscriptions! [Download the flyer for more details](#).

New Youth Ministers Seminar - July 31 - Aug 1

Cultivation Ministries, along with the Diocese of Evansville in Indiana, will offer a two-day seminar aimed to support parish youth ministers in their first years of ministry. Learn the terrain and become equipped with a road map for disciple-making and building a sustainable ministry with youth. [Download details and registration](#).

Resources

Catechetical Sunday - September 15

Catechetical Sunday, a national day to celebrate the ministry of passing on the faith, will be September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme is: “Stay with Us.”



The USCCB offers prayer cards, certificates and posters for [purchase online](#).

The USCCB provides articles and graphics for parish use. These resources can be found at: <http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/stay-with-us/index.cfm> or you can also find other resources such as catechist commissioning service on our [Catechetical Sunday page](#).

Archdiocese of Milwaukee 175th Anniversary Patch

Here's a great way to get kids connected with our Archdiocese's history. Archdiocese of Milwaukee is offering a patch commemorating our 175th Anniversary. Patch can be earned by young people in grades 1st - 12th by completing the activities that help them learn about the history of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This is a great activity for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, classes, families or any young Catholics. Adults who assist youth with requirements and activities are eligible to earn the patch as well. When requirements are complete, patches are purchased online through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. [Learn more about the 175th Anniversary patch and download activities](#).

Looking for other 175th Anniversary resources, visit the [Archdiocese's 175th Website Page](#).

Save the Date



Gigs, Geeks & God

January 9, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee

This conference on technology, faith formation and parish ministries will feature a keynote speaker, workshops, exhibitors, and ample time for sharing ideas with experts and colleagues.

Job Openings

Director of Religious Education & Youth Coordinator - Sheboygan Southside Parishes,
Sheboygan

Director of Faith Formation - St. Luke, *Brookfield*

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry - St. Joseph, *Big Bend*

Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation - St. Paul and St. Bruno, *Genesee Depot*

Child Ministry Leader - St. Mary of the Hill, *Hubertus*

Youth Ministry Leader - St. Mary of the Hill, *Hubertus*

Director of Child and Family Ministry - St. Francis Borgia, *Cedarburg*

Youth Minister - St. Thomas Aquinas, *Waterford*

Youth Activities Coordinator - St. James, *Mukwonago*

*** To have your job openings included in the newsletter,
please send information with a link to: catechesis@archmil.org

District Meetings

District 7

August 29 @ 10:00am

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