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Co-Workers In Transitions

As we launch into a new program year, in some parishes, new directors of religious education or faith formation have taken the helm and are putting out into the deep. Below, we have listed those we know. If you know of someone new to a position that we have not listed, please let us know.

For those starting in a new role, there is excitement in setting out. There are new relationships, lots to learn, and a sense that anything is possible. But there can also be challenges, uncertainty,

and missteps. Transition times can be spiritually rich, as the Lord continues to remake us for his service.

For all who have begun a new role this year, let us pray, and let us pledge our support and companionship along the way.

- Christ King and St Bernard, Wauwatosa – Emily Linn – Director of Formation and Discipleship for Adults
- Divine Mercy, South Milwaukee – John Esser – Director of Faith Formation
- Gesu, Milwaukee – Jerri Von Den Bosch – Director of Youth and Adult Formation
- Holy Family, Fond du Lac – Kelly Brochtrup – Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
- Holy Family, Whitefish Bay and St. Robert, Shorewood – Dave Liccione – Director of Religious Education, K4-8
- Holy Family, Whitefish Bay and St. Robert, Shorewood – Caitlin Raether – High School Youth Minister
- Holyland Catholic Parishes in Mt. Calvary, Johnsburg and Marytown – Pat Tyunaitis – Director of Religious Education
- Kenosha-Racine County Line Catholic Parishes – Kathi Andreoni – Director of Faith Formation
- Lumen Christi, Mequon – Amy Kroll – High School Youth Minister
- Lumen Christi, Mequon – Kathryn Heinzman – Director of Child Ministry K-5
- Lumen Christi, Mequon – Nikki D'Cruz – Middle School Youth Minister
- Mother of Good Counsel, Milwaukee – Robert Konzal & Mariza Cruz Konzal – Directors of Faith Formation
- Old St. Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, Saints Peter and Paul, and Three Holy Women, Milwaukee – Anh Clausen – Director of Family Ministry and Religious Formation
- Prince of Peace, St. Vincent de Paul, Milwaukee – Elvia Martinez – Religious Education Coordinator
- Sacred Heart, Horicon & St. Matthew, Neosho – Stephany Leurquin – Youth Minister
- Sheboygan Southside Tri-Parish – Lori Gullickson – Director of Religious Education & Youth Coordinator
- St. Alphonsus, Greendale – Julie Lobitz – Associate Director of Christian Formation
- St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee – Al McCauley – Director of Adult Formation
- St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee – Rebekah Jacunski – Youth Ministry Coordinator
- St. Catherine of Siena, Ripon – Esther Royce – Associate DRE/Parish Secretary
- St. Charles, Hartland – Corrie Christiaansen – Associate Director of Student Ministries
- St. Charles Borromeo and St. Roman, Milwaukee – Amelia Avila – Collaborative Director of Youth Ministry
- St. Elizabeth and St. James, Kenosha – Louisa Fredriksson – Director of Religious Education
- St. Frances Cabrini and Immaculate Conception, West Bend – Julie Braun – Shared Director of Catholic Formation and Evangelization
- St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg – Dave Braun – Director of Apostolates

- St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg – Sarah Pandl – Director of Child and Family Ministry
- St. Gabriel, Hubertus – Lea Rosenberg – Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- St. Gabriel, Hubertus – Gerry Wolf – Director of Evangelization and Formation
- St. Gregory the Great, Milwaukee – Lety Gutierrez-Kenny – Director of Faith Formation
- St. Jerome, Oconomowoc – Peggy Lanser – Adult Formation Coordinator
- St. Joan of Arc, Nashotah and St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oconomowoc – Janis Parker – Youth Minister
- St. John Vianney, Brookfield – John Thompson – Director of Formation
- St. Joseph, Big Bend – Michelle Kreuser – Director of Youth Ministry
- St. Joseph, Waupun – Erika (Scheer) Feher – Director of Religious Education-lower grades
- St. Joseph, Waupun – Karen Kutka – Director of Religious Education-upper grades
- St. Joseph & St. John Nepomuk, Racine – Amber Fay – Coordinator of Faith Formation
- St. Joseph, Wauwatosa – Dennis Sylva – Director of Adult & Family Ministry
- St. Lucy, Racine and St. Sebastian, Sturtevant – Michelle Heeren – Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate
- St. Luke, Brookfield – Marian Lamoureux – Interim Director of Formation
- St. Martin of Tours – Deacon Chuck Schneider – Interim DRE
- St. Mary, Kenosha – Sandy Schwalbe – Director of Youth & Adult Ministry
- St. Mary, Menomonee Falls – Karissa Tousignant – Associate Director of Discipleship & Evangelization - Youth Formation
- St. Mary, Menomonee Falls – Ellen Schlosser – Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus – Taylor Schmitt – Youth Minister
- St. Mary, Menomonee Falls – Carmen Morgan – Director of Discipleship & Evangelization
- St. Matthias, Milwaukee – Erynn Lewis – Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation
- St. Paul, Genesee Depot and St. Bruno, Dousman – Jennifer Geisler – High School Youth Minister

Newly joined programs:

Mother of Good Counsel will now also serve families of St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee.

St. Agnes, Butler will serve families of Blessed Savior, Milwaukee.

Office of Catechesis News

New Youth Evangelization Email

Doug Ulaszek, the new Associate Director for Youth Evangelization is sending out separate update emails to focus on middle, high school, and confirmation specific information. We

encourage anyone who works with middle and high school teens to sign up for these updates. Doug can be contacted at 414-758-2211 or ulaszekd@archmil.org

Would you like to lead a G3 Workshop?

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 Office of Catechesis Calendar to stay up to date on events.



2019-20 Catechetical Calendar

October 2019	February 2020
10 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC	11 Family Focus: Holy Habits 1:00 @ MMCPC
29 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC	13 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC
30 Family Focus: Baptismal Prep 6:30 @ MMCPC	26 Ash Wednesday
November 2019	March 2020
1 All Saints Day - Office Closed	3 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC
8 Family Focus: Baptismal Prep 10:00 @ MMCPC	24 Family Perspectives: Take Two 10:00 @ MMCPC
19 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC	26 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC
28-29 Thanksgiving - Office Closed	
December 2019	April 2020
12 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC	10 Good Friday - Office Closed
24-25 Christmas Eve Day - Office Closed	12 Easter Day
31 New Year's Eve - Office Closed	18 Celebration of Catholic Scouting 4:00 @ MMCPC
January 2020	30 Family Perspectives 9:00 @ MMCPC
1 New Year's Day - Office Closed	May 2020
9 Gigs, Greks and God 9:00 @ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	12 Finish Line
21 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCPC	25 Memorial Day - Office Closed
30 Family Perspectives 9:00 @ MMCPC	

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Family Focus - Save the Date

Launching Young Families: How to Make the Most of Baptismal Preparation and Follow-up Sessions will be held: October 30 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm or November 8 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Archdiocese News

MissionInsite Webinars

[MissionInsite](#), the demographics tool that all parishes can have access to, is hosting two webinars for all registered users on its new tools and functionalities. The same webinar is being offered two times: [Tuesday, October 22 from 12 - 1 p.m.](#) and [Thursday, October 24 from 12 - 1 p.m.](#) Click on the date hyperlinks to register.

If you need more basic instructions on using MissionInsite, visit the [webpage](#).

If you are not yet a MissionInsite user, but would like to be, contact [Susan Skibba](#).

From our Friends

WDREF Retreat

The Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation (WDREF) is offering a retreat for catechetical leaders this fall. This is a great opportunity for spiritual refreshment and camaraderie with co-workers from around the state.

WDREF Retreat

November 3-5, 2019

“Discipleship: Blessed, Broken & Shared”

St. Anthony Spirituality Center

300 E. 4th Street

Marathon, WI

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORM

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](#).

Resources

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, 2020

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 Faith Formation and Pastoral Associate - St. Luke, Brookfield

Pastoral Associate - St. James, Franklin

Associate Youth Minister - St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg

Child Ministry Coordinator - St. Eugene, Fox Point

Youth Activities Coordinator - St. James, Mukwonago

Religious Education Director - St. Martin of Tours-Franklin, Milwaukee

Youth Minister - St. Thomas Aquinas , Waterford

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

District Meetings

Waukesha Deaneries

October 17 @ 12:30 pm - St.James - Menomonee Falls

District 6 - Washington County

October 10 @ 9:30 am - St. Boniface - Germantown

District 7 - Dodge County

November 21 @ 12:00 noon - St. Mary - Mayville

SCORE - Sheboygan County

October 1 @ 10:00 am - St. John the Evangelist, Kohler

Milwaukee SE and SW Deaneries

November 5 @ 12:00 noon - St. Matthias Parish

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