

CORONAVIRUS

Weekly Resource #4



Secretariat FOR Evangelization AND Catechesis
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

VERY IMPORTANT

For a collection of resources for various groups, go to <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/get-involved/religious-education-resources/>

In addition to resources, we also have a **Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis Update Meeting on GOTOMEETING** every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 PM. The link to the meeting is sent to you by email at the start of each week and is posted in the Faith Formation folder on DioNet (First Class) as well. **Please join us if possible, as this weekly sharing has been very well received by those who have joined us.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

I would like to share a testimony I received from a parish catechetical leader. Although every situation is different, we can all benefit from the main ideas.

Since the beginning of this pandemic I have been finding ways to share and send information to the group. Last year in March I attended an online Sadlier webinar session on Flipping Catechesis, which uses an app "REMIND" for communication and "google forms" to create interactive lessons. Google forms is an amazing application it creates forms, quizzes, attendance etc. Once they finish their lesson it arrives directly to my computer. I will be able to see their session and the child/parent are able to see their quiz/lesson response that same moment. In a way this pandemic is teaching us to be more creative, finding ways in using technical resource as a form of communication and having faith formation webinars (which I'm finding as a great resource).

Please take some time to share some highlights with me at tmusco@diobrook.org.

Fr. Jorge Ortiz-Garay | Dreams for St. Brigid Parish

In the Fall of 2018, Fr. Jorge travelled to visit Dynamic Catholic in Erlanger, KY with the other 21 pastors involved in the Dynamic Parish Initiative. Dynamic Catholic's documentary team asked each pastor what his dream was for how Dynamic Parish would impact his parish. This short video clip is how Fr. Jorge articulated his dreams for St. Brigid Parish. **We pray that his dreams become a reality.**

Link to clip: <https://vimeo.com/403854003/948ebdd533>

PARENTS and FAMILIES

What if your parish could use this time as a chance to prepare at least for the baptisms ahead? And what if your parish staff and volunteers could also use this time to learn about ways to make baptism into a welcoming opportunity to create disciples and lead young families into a greater sense of belonging in the Church?

From now until June 30, at NO COST TO YOU, your parish can access Baptism Matters, the new baptism-preparation program from RENEW International.

Wherever you are sheltering, you will be able to view online modules for parish staff and baptism teams. Topics include baptism as initiation into a community; welcoming young parents in ways that invite them to become engaged in parish life; accommodating the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of our families; and focusing all parish activity on "mission" rather than "maintenance."

For more information or to take advantage of this special offer, send an email to baptismmatters@renewintl.org, including your parish name and mailing address, phone number and contact person, and contact email or call Rich Vosler 609-367-4799. Once they receive your request, RENEW will issue the free three-month registration. Also, here are some links to our [free webinars](#), faith sharing online and [free resources](#) to use. Just Let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe, and God Bless!

YOUNG ADULTS and ADULTS

Please click on <https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections> to get a daily message delivered to your mailbox.

YOUTH

Every Sunday, thousands of Catholic youth gather online for **Project YM LIVE**. Go to <https://projectym.com/> for details and share this information with those who might benefit.

RCIA

For assistance during the challenging days, go to <https://teamrcia.com/2020/04/what-do-rcia-teams-do-with-the-elect-now-that-baptisms-are-postponed/> and consult with Joann Roa at jroa@diobrook.org