Pope Francis' Prayer to Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
YOUTH MINISTRY PRIORITY

- What does outreach to youth look like presently?
- What will outreach to youth look like in the future?
- What are we doing presently to keep young people connected?
- How are we collaborating with each other in the parish?
SO BE BOLD.  CHRIST’S LOVE ABOUNDS!

The following slides are in DRAFT form and are NOT finalized. They are for our discussion and consideration only.

Forming missionary disciples is our priority.
As we begin to plan for the future, each parish will have particular needs and needs held in common with others. The following slides list identified needs that exist as we begin the process of planning for religious education in a new era.

Forming missionary disciples is our priority.
This plan is divided into five phases:

PHASE ONE: Digital
PHASE TWO: Administrative
PHASE THREE: Training and Development
PHASE FOUR: Implementation
PHASE FIVE: Accompaniment and Assessment
PHASE 1
Identified Need #1:
Digital Communication Tool (email, phone, land mail, etc.)

- Outlook
- Flock Notes
- Option C
- BQ Online—Powered by Catholic Faith Technologies
PHASE 1
Identified Need #2:
Digital Meeting Tool (for real time meetings, adult faith formation, RCIA, etc.)

- Teams
- GoToMeeting
Schedule a Teams Meeting with People Outside Your Organization

MS Teams lets you invite people outside your organization, including those who don’t have a Teams license. You'll need their full email address to invite them.

1. Go to Calendar on the left side of the app then select New meeting in the upper-right corner
2. Fill out a subject or purpose of the meeting in the first entry box.
3. Go to where it says Add required attendees. (If anyone is an optional attendee, select Optional instead.)
4. Type the person's full email address (ex: Joe@gmail.com). Select Invite
5. Continue adding other attendees as needed.
6. Click on Send in upper right corner.

More information regarding Teams Meeting will be sent to you.
PHASE 1
Identified Need #3:
Digital Catechetical Resource (for grades K through 8 and must include a parent/family component and assessment tools)

- Ignatius Press
- Loyola Press
- Our Sunday Visitor
- Pflaum
- RCL-Benziger
- Sadlier
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A Preliminary Plan for Religious Education in a New Time

Presentation by our partners at
SADLIER RELIGION

Followed by questions
PHASE 1
Identified Need #4:
Digital Catechetical Resource (for grades 9 through 12 and must include a parent/family component and assessment tools)

- Magis Center—*Credible Catholic*
- Didache Series
PHASE 1
Identified Need #5:

Additional Digital Resources

- Family Life Series
- Others to be determined based on need and use
PHASE 1
Identified Need #6:
Digital Registration Tool (to be in place for July of 2020 for 2020-2021 registration)

- Parish system (may include tuition and fee payment option)
- Diocesan provided form
Important questions for consideration:
- Is there a computer, laptop, Chromebook, I-Pad available for student/family use?
- Is there a certain device needed for the program you chose?
Next steps in our plan PHASE 1...

- Continue to discuss each of the six needs listed in Phase One of the Preliminary Plan (see previous slides) and make some local decisions with your pastor/administrator.

- When choosing the series, please consult with a group of catechists, parents/guardians and others before making a final decision.

- Complete the survey regarding anticipated parish religious education program needs that we will send you soon. This survey will be used to determine grant distributions.

- Meet with catechists to determine their comfort level regarding distance learning. Also, assess their comfort level should small gatherings be allowed during the next catechetical year (remember that age may be an issue).

- Determine the number of catechists that may be needed to serve in the distance learning capacity as well as the number needed in case small groups are permitted at some point.

- PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!
Others areas of parish life....

- What will your parish life look like after these pandemic days?
- Have the RCIA elect and candidates encountered Christ and been accompanied during these challenging days of uncertainty?
- Have those preparing for marriage been supported and honored?
- What about the families of babies waiting to be baptized and those children waiting to receive their first Sacraments?
- Are Confirmation candidates being challenged and supported while they wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit?
- What about young adults? Have we provided anything for them? Families with young children? Families awaiting children? Young married couple without children?
- And the small faith sharing groups? Are they still connected? RENEW has plenty of resources at https://new.renewintl.org/RENEW events https://new.renewintl.org/events
Please take note and remember...

- For those who are able to participate, *Living and Leading by Faith* courses can be found online at www.bqonlineformation.org

- The remote BQ Diocesan Youth Day will be held on May 30, 2020. Please see the flyer sent to you for more information and share the information as widely as possible.

- Send Mr. Musco any information that you would like shared at our *Thanksgiving In June* event. We are looking for Good News that can show that religious education is still strong.

- We will discontinue the use of First Class (DioNet) **THIS WEEK** and use only **OUTLOOK**. Please contact the IT Department staff if you have any questions. Their phone number is 718-965-7300, ext. 1910.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 27 1:00 PM

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!