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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

COVID-19 UPDATE Part 3 Number 11

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.



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A Preliminary Plan for Religious Education in a New Time

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As we begin to plan for the future, each parish will have particular needs and needs held in common with others. The following slides identify needs that exist as we plan for religious education in a new era. Developing a continuity of learning and formation plan is essential.



BQ Catholic Youth Day

May 30, 2020

Please share this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otMzYhIGmKO>

Concern for all areas of parish life....

- ❖ What will your parish life look like after these pandemic days?
- ❖ Are Confirmation candidates being challenged and supported while they wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit?
- ❖ Have the RCIA elect and candidates encountered Christ and been accompanied during these challenging days of uncertainty?
- ❖ What about young adults? Have we provided anything for them? Families with young children? Families awaiting children? Young married couple without children?
- ❖ Have those preparing for marriage been supported and honored?
- ❖ 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>
- ❖ What about the families of babies waiting to be baptized and those children waiting to receive their first Sacraments?

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This plan is divided into five phases according to indicated timeline:

PHASE ONE:	Digital	Began May 6
PHASE TWO:	Administrative	Begins June 10
PHASE THREE:	Training and Development	Begins June 24
PHASE FOUR:	Implementation	Begins mid-September
PHASE FIVE:	Accompaniment and Assessment	Ongoing



PHASE 1 Identified Need #1:

**Digital
Communication
Tool (email, phone,
land mail, etc.)**

- Outlook
- Option C
- BQ Online—Powered by Catholic Faith Technologies (under development)
- Flock Note

Update May 26, 2020: **OUTLOOK** will be the most common tool used. Some parishes already use **Flock Note** for communication to groups. **Option C** should only be used if your already use it and you find it helpful.

PHASE 1 Identified Need #2:

Digital Meeting Tool
(for real time
meetings, adult
faith formation,
RCIA, etc.)

- Teams
- GoToMeeting
- **Update May 26, 2020:** The use of **TEAMS** was explained during our previous weekly meetings and instructions will be sent to you and posted. We have used **GO TO MEETINGS** for our weekly SEC meetings.

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Introduction to TEAMS

- Storage of information
- Meetings
- Calls

By Anselmo Alamilla from IT



**PHASE 1
Identified Need
#3:**

**Digital Catechetical
Resource: Continuity
of Learning and
Formation Plan (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

Update May 26, 2020: Please begin to narrow your choice by **June 5, 2020**. If you need more time, please contact your SEC staff advisor. Training sessions for each series will start in mid-June.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- Ignatius Press
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- RCL-Benziger
- Sadlier

Update May 26, 2020: Each of these approved series includes Sacramental preparation. It has been our Diocesan practice not to use additional resources for Sacramental preparation unless necessary.

Please refer to the document ***NEED #4 GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE***

PHASE 1
Identified Need
#4:

Digital Catechetical
Resource: Continuity
of Learning and
Formation Plan (for
grades 9 through 12
and must include a
parent/family
component and
assessment tools)

- Magis Center—
Credible Catholic
- Didache Series
- Other USCCB Conformity
approved series

Update May 26, 2020: Go to

<https://magiscenter.com/new-free-resource-available/>

for Magis Center information and to

[https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?](https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=Didache)

[pagename=Didache](https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=Didache) for information regarding the
Didache Series (My Catholic Faith Delivered)

PHASE 1
Identified Need
#5:

Additional
Digital Resources

- Family Life Series
- Others to be determined
based on need and use

Update May 26, 2020: There are two approved
series for Family Life formation for our Diocese (grades
5-8):

RCL Benziger *Family Life* <http://rclbfamilylife.com/>

Loyola Press *Growing With God*

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/child-safety-and-catholic-family-living/growing-with-god/program-overview/scope-and-sequence-and-correlations/>

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

Update May 26, 2020: Diocesan form is under development.

**ADDITIONAL
NEED**

PHASE 1
Identified Need
#7:

Appropriate device
for student/family
use

- 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?

Update May 26, 2020: No final response yet regarding use of public school loaned computers.

Steps in PHASE 1...

- ❖ Continue to discuss each of the **seven needs** listed in **Phase One** (see previous slides) and make local decisions with your pastor/administrator.
- ❖ Meet with your dedicated advisor from the Secretariat. **A letter** was sent by the advisor on Tuesday, May 26 to introduce himself or herself and to offer assistance to the degree necessary.
- ❖ When **choosing the series**, please consult with a group of catechists, parents/guardians and others before making a final decision.
- ❖ Develop a parish **continuity of learning and formation plan**.
- ❖ Complete the **NEEDS ASSESSMENT** regarding anticipated parish religious education program needs. This assessment will be used, among other things, to determine Catholic Foundation 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!**

Thanksgiving in June Day—June 4, 2020

In conjunction with DeSales Media, we have set **June 4** as our **Thanksgiving in June Day**. This day will honor and recognize all those who are celebrating special anniversaries as catechist and catechetical leaders, completion of various components of catechist and catechetical formation, those who completed various projects or special events, and all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, children, and teens who worked so hard during this time away from religious education and youth ministry.

Stay tuned to The Tablet, Nuestra Voz, Currents TV, and other media channels for coverage and be sure to advertise this to your communities. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



Next Meeting:

Wednesday,
June 3
1:00 PM
