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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Forming missionary disciples is our priority.
Thanks to Lucia Morales and her team for an excellent job producing the first virtual Youth Day on May 30, 2020.

As of Monday, June 1, 2020, over 2,500 views tuned in to witness this event. Praise God!
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!
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Goal:
A parish plan that provides for the continuity of religious education and formation and addresses all areas of evangelization and catechesis is essential to forming and enriching missionary disciples.
Concern for all 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/](https://new.renewintl.org/) RENEW events [https://new.renewintl.org/events](https://new.renewintl.org/events)
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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
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PHASE 1: Digital

- We are transitioning now from determining our needs to the several points that have to be considered as we move forward.
- Our next two slides are areas for review.
- The next set of slides are points for recommended action.

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Review: Use of TEAMS

- Storage of information
- Create LIVE Meetings
- Make video and audio calls
Review: Use of Approved Series

- See the following slides for information.
- Review the Guidelines for Selecting an Approved Program of Religious Education—Grades Kindergarten Through Twelve.
- It is recommended that the same series be used for all grades.
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Sadlier Religion

❖ *Christ In Us*  [https://www.sadlier.com/religion/ciu-experience](https://www.sadlier.com/religion/ciu-experience)
  ❖ Platform included.
  ❖ Incorporate TEAMS or other meeting site for parent meetings, etc.
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Ignatius Press (My Catholic Faith Delivered)

- **Faith and Life**
  
  
  - DRE registers the students through My Catholic Faith Delivered site.
  - Training for catechetical leader, catechist and parents included.
  - Textbook is available.
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Ignatius Press  (My Catholic Faith Delivered)

- *Faith and Life Webinar*—June 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST
  - Faith and Life Online Webinar—Come and learn more about the Faith and Life Program and how to implement it in your parish or school.
  - Register at the link above.
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Loyola Press


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RCL-Benziger

❖ Be My Disciples https://www.rclbenziger.com/be-my-disciples-parish-products
❖ Family Life Series https://www.rclbenziger.com/family-life-parish-products
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Our Sunday Visitor

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Point #1:  Develop a Continual Religious Education and Formation Parish Plan.

- As we discussed, each parish should be creating a Plan that will provide for continual religious education and formation for all programs and processes. This also involves a more detailed Crisis Management Plan. Details and forms will be provided soon.
Point #2: Complete Needs Assessment

❖ Please complete the Needs Assessment online no later than June 12, 2020.
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Point #3: Consider that the role of the Catechist continues to develop.

- Catechist as companion.
- Catechist as witness.
- Catechist as collaborator with parents/guardians.
- Catechists are called to holiness.
Point #4: Meet with Catechists.

- Meet with catechists soon if you have not done so already to determine their comfort level regarding distance and blended learning. Assess their comfort level should small gatherings be allowed during the next catechetical year.
Point #5: Train all catechetical leaders, catechists and parents.

- We are currently assembling all the training modules needed to move to the new reality. Training sessions will take place virtually for now and will be recorded for future use.
Point #6: Flip the Classroom

- Students learn the information at home and share the Good News in the community of the classroom.
- Link to *Flipping Your Classroom* video [https://youtu.be/wYqTfMh5oeo](https://youtu.be/wYqTfMh5oeo)
- Applies to all series.
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Point #7: Consider what devices are needed.

- Is there a computer, laptop, Chromebook, I-Pad available for student/family use?
- Do your catechists have a laptop available for use?
- Who can provide technical support on a regular basis locally?
Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 10
1:00-2:15 PM