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.
Thanksgiving in June Day—June 4, 2020 deemed a Success!


Please take this opportunity to share your GOOD NEWS with those in your community. It is always a good time to say THANK YOU!
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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, in any situation, 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)
Welcome to Maryknoll!

Walter Hidalgo, Mission Education Specialist at Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

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

PHASE ONE: Digital Began May 6 (in process)
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
Blended learning is a term used to describe the combined use of both traditional face-to-face and online learning experiences. Blended learning has become a model that is succeeding and enhancing teaching and learning experiences in academic settings. Blended learning offers enhancement and personalization, as well as an “anytime, anywhere” approach to learning by putting modern educational technology to use in combination with traditional teacher-led instruction. The “blend” in blended learning happens in varying degrees and in multiple models; there is no one way or right way to do blended learning. The same benefits and flexibility of a blended approach in traditional academic settings apply to catechetical efforts as well.

- Allie Johnston
The use of TEAMS, Go To Meeting, or other approved options will permit the catechist and catechetical leader to meet with families and adults when not in gathered settings.

Two examples:

1. A catechist meets with the class families on Monday at 7:00 PM for twenty minutes to review the previous week’s lesson and introduce the lesson for that week.

2. The RCIA group meets for one hour on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for formation and sharing.
The following points serve as a checklist for the essential elements of Phase 1: Digital.
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.
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Point #2: Complete Needs Assessment and Device Interest Form.

❖ Please complete the Needs Assessment and Device Interest Form no later than June 12, 2020.
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
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?
The following points serve as a checklist for the essential elements of Phase 2: Administrative.
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Point #8: Program details.
- Adapt local calendar to Secretariat calendar.
- Length of weekly session—90 minutes.
- At least 45 hours per year.
- Where will the students meet in case gatherings are approved?
- How will safe environment and health guidelines be enforced?
- Create new parent handbook.
- Keep attendance rosters and other forms current.
Point #9: Program communication.

- Communicate with:
  - Pastor
  - Parish staff
  - Parents and guardians
  - Catechists and aides
  - Parishioners
  - Secretariat staff
  - Catholic academy/parish school staff
  - Public school staff
  - others

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Point #10: Initiatives.

- Careful attention must be given to these and other initiatives:
  - Living and Leading by Faith Catechetical Leader and Catechist Formation
  - Holy Spirit Institute for Service and Leadership
  - Small Faith Sharing Groups
  - Baptism Preparation
  - Youth Ministry
  - Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
  - Young Adult Outreach
  - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and RCIA Adapted for Children
  - Pre-Cana
  - Marriage Enrichment

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Point #11: Partners.

- Maintain partner relationships:
  - Resource Publisher
  - Catholic Faith Technologies (My Catholic Faith Delivered)
  - RENEW International
  - Catholic Distance University
  - Dynamic Catholic
  - Maryknoll
  - others

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 17
1:00-2:15 PM