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Dear Colleagues,

What a privilege it is to serve as president of an association that has been of such great benefit to me in my own formation as a DRE. It is because of my personal experience that I write to you today to ask you to consider joining the PDCARE Association of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which has been meeting the professional, spiritual, and personal needs of parish directors, administrators, and coordinators of religious education since its inception in 1982.

PDCARE provides its members with opportunities for professional development, retreats, and networking on a diocesan level, as well as invigorating discussion of trends and issues pertaining to religious education at regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year that are held on a county level. The Association in partnership with the Office for Catechetical Formation is instrumental in tackling the challenges we face in catechetical ministry utilizing the innovation and passion of its own members, as well as providing support for D/C/AREs that is unmatched in any other diocese.

Of course the continued success of the Association depends on a thriving membership that includes you, which is why if you are not currently a member, I urge you to join today. The membership fee is nominal and the benefits are enormous. A membership form can be obtained by visiting the Office for Catechetical Formation website at:

<http://phillyocf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PDCARE-Registration-Form-2018-2019.pdf>

Together we can help shape the future of religious education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as we strive to nurture the faith of the families entrusted to our care, and help them live lives of intentional discipleship. I do hope you will consider joining the Association, and may God continue to bless you in your ministry!

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Mueller
President