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Dear Colleagues,

It is a privilege and an honor, through God's providential Grace, for me to serve as the President of the PD/CARE Association of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, one of the great guiding and supportive tools in my professional life. Belonging to this association of gifted, talented and especially faithful people in Religious Education will enrich you professionally and spiritually and has been doing so since 1982.

The Office of Catechetical Formation, working together with the PD/CARE Association provides professional development, retreats, networking as well as camaraderie at the County level and throughout the Archdiocese. Discussion of issues, trends and concerns related to Religious Education are part of the scheduled meetings.

The continued success of the association is dependent on you, the DREs, CREs and AREs of Religious Education. If you are not currently a member, I strongly encourage you to join today. There is a fee which is minimal considering the benefits you will receive. To become a member you will find a membership form on the Catechetical Formation website: phillyocf.org.

Membership in the PD/CARE Association allows you to collaborate with other Religious Education Professionals and lead us into a future in which we can foster faith in the families we serve and bring children of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please consider joining the Association and all it has to offer!

God bless you in your ministry,

Cindy Balceniuk

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