

Dear Directors & Coordinators of Religious Education:

I am very grateful to God our Father and Archbishop Chaput for having named me the Vocation Director for the Diocesan Priesthood in 2013. I give thanks today to Jesus, Our Lord and Archbishop Perez in naming Fr. David as the new Vocation Director.

I come to you in a spirit of deep humility and joy and again with gratitude to the Holy Spirit, as Archbishop Perez has named me as Vicar of the newly created Office for Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults.

This new office will have oversight of the Offices of Catechetical Formation, Ministry with Youth, and Ministry with Young Adults. In addition, this office will supply support to the School Ministry Office of our Archdiocesan High Schools and supervision of our Newman Center Apostolates. I am overjoyed to work with Ann Menna, the Deputy Secretary of Catechetical Formation, Matt Davis, the Director of the Office of Ministry with Young Adults and Marisally Santiago, the Director of Ministry with Youth. I officially assume this role with the Priests' changes in June of 2021.

To all the DREs, I want to express my profound gratitude. So much of the life of the Church is conducted through your ministry. Despite the many challenges that you experience, particularly during this past year, you serve the young people of our Archdiocese and their families with great joy. Please know of my appreciation for you and desire to support you in this role.

Working closely with Ann Menna. I will get to know you (and hopefully in person!) and all aspects of Parish Religious Education. What an exciting opportunity for us both... and which we express in this video posted here.

<https://youtu.be/3pgrUk7s1mg>

Please be assured of my daily prayers for your ministries. I pray that my enthusiasm for all you do, will translate into authentic support. I look forward to working together in this capacity. The next few months I will continue to be the Vocation Director as I actively transition into this new role. Please pray for me at this time.

Sincerely Yours in Christ.

Father Stephen DeLacy