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Dear Catechists and Directors of Religious Education,

I am deeply thankful for the generous sacrifices you make in order to serve in Catechetical ministry for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Throughout the history of the Church, Catechists have always played an important role in the journey of evangelization. Pope Francis recognized the deep impact of your contributions when he said, “Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.”

By sharing the Good News and your love of God with others, you are helping a new generation of believers become fully alive. With joyful gratitude for your dedication to the Church and Her people in Philadelphia, I invite you to join me at the annual Religious Education Mass on:

Sunday, January 9, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Immediately following the celebration of the Eucharist, I will distribute the annual Catechetical Awards for Catechists as well as Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education. The Office for Catechetical Formation will be in touch to share more information about the Mass and awards ceremony in the coming weeks.

I hope you will be able to join me for this celebration recognizing your good works. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson J. Perez".

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia