



*Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

*Parish Directors, Coordinators & Administrators of Religious Education*

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Dear Colleagues,

What a privilege it is to serve as president of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Association of Parish Directors, Coordinators and Administrators of Religious Education. I am grateful to follow in the footsteps of so many talented individuals who have also served in this role. Likewise, I look forward to working with the many dedicated and generous members of the Association, especially our colleagues on the Board.

As we continue to learn from the challenges of the past few years, I believe one grace that has come from this time is that we have all realized the importance of community. After extended periods of distancing, and even isolation, it is truly a blessing every time we can gather together to pray, share ideas, and support one another. Now, perhaps more than ever, the Association can be a vital support for our collective catechetical ministry.

For those who are members of the Association, I encourage you to take part in all that is offered and presented to us. For those who may be new to ministry, or who have not previously joined the Association, I likewise encourage you to become an active member. Whether at our regular county meetings, professional development days, gatherings, webinars, workshops or other programs, you will find the support of a community that is committed to the Gospel mandate, and experiencing many of the same things as you. Together, we can continue "to teach all nations."

Again, I echo my initial words of thanks to those who generously serve the PDCARE as Board members, and encourage all to take an active role in the Association and all that is offered.

May God Bless you, and your efforts,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Malinowski'.

James Malinowski