



St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish

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Pentecost Sunday

Dear Parishioners:

After several years of faithful service as the Administrator of Religious Education (ARE) of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Mrs. Terri Nigh has decided to step down from her position. She announced this to catechists in her programs after the last Religious Education class of this school year last Sunday. Those were her last official duties for the parish as ARE.

I am certain you will join with me in thanking her for her leadership these last several years. Serving the parish as ARE is not always an easy job. Given that the program is staffed entirely by volunteers, there are certain challenges to be encountered. Mrs. Nigh has done her best in navigating those difficulties for the wellbeing of our program and our youth. She put in many hours of hard work often behind the scenes. She has always done so with an abiding faith in Christ and the Church. Mrs. Nigh's organization and planning will be missed, as will her great love for catechetical ministry.

I will be using part of the summer to evaluate best how to move forward with the Religious Education program for the parish. Over the next few weeks, I will form a study committee to evaluate our options. In all likelihood, we will look to hire another part-time Administrator of Religious Education; however, other options will be considered. If you are interested in being involved in this discussion, please contact me directly. I would value all suggestions.

I thank Mrs. Nigh for her past dedication and wish her well. I invite you too to express your gratitude for her ministry to this parish. Please lift up Mrs. Nigh in prayer, even as we pray together for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the future of our Religious Education programming here at St Mary.

During this time of change, please know of my continued commitment to ensuring as seamless a transition as possible for the well-being of the faith formation of our parish youth. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you are always welcome to contact me at the parish office.

In Christ,

Rev. Jeremy M. Gries
Pastor