

ARCHDIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION OF PARISH  
DIRECTORS, COORDINATORS  
AND  
ADMINISTRATORS OF  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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(IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

AND

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

"The single most critical factor in an effective catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader....They are catechists first."

*National Directory for Catechesis*

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*But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring [the] good news!"*

(Romans 10:14-15)



## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

“Monthly PD/CARE meetings are a blessing in disguise. We “*come away*” for a little while and, in the presence of the Lord, learn from one another and guest presenters how better to live our Catholic Faith and hand it on to the families in our care. No matter what is going on in life or in our ministry, this time together fosters friendship, fellowship and spiritual support. Prayer partners are the best!”

*Kathy Thomas, 5 years*

“The Association has been invaluable to me. As a new Parish Coordinator of Religious Education, not only have I formed friendships but, also, have discovered a high level of cooperation and sharing from more ‘seasoned members’. From the sharing of prayer services to Spiritual Book Clubs, the Association and its members have provided such positive experiences of sharing and networking. It has made all the difference in this personal transition as the Association truly reflects the faith-filled commitment to grow in our relationship with the Lord which, in turn, enables us to share our Catholic faith with the children and adults of our parish community.”

*Andy Dougherty, 1 year*



"Over the past 20 years of ministry in the Archdiocese, I have found two constants: EVERYTHING CHANGES and County meetings are key! It is in the county meetings and association events where I could:

- \* Ask the questions.
- \* Share insights.
- \* Be reassured.
- \* Receive updating in our faith.
- \* Hear the latest "News from the 2's" &
- \* Experience a community that is unique to DRE's.

Make the time; mark the calendar & come!"

*Cathy Maugeri, 20 years*



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we as catechetical leaders, form the association of Parish Directors (DRE), Coordinators (CRE), and Administrators (ARE) of Religious Education.

We are fully committed to Jesus and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the directives of the Archbishop of Philadelphia. In adherence to the Archdiocesan Mission Statement, we employ the variety of our gifts, services and ministries for the building of the Kingdom of God.

Worship God in spirit and truth through “prayer without ceasing,” and particularly through the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments;

Create and nourish Christian community in the domestic church of the family, in the life of every parish, and in society as a whole;

Proclaim in word and deed the Good News of Jesus Christ to all persons, inviting each of our sisters and brothers in the human community to share our faith and our mission;

Teach the saving message of Christ so that all believers may come to a deeper understanding, conversion and personal witness to Christ;

Serve all our sisters and brothers, particularly the poor and needy, by generous acts of charity and by working together with all people of good will for justice and peace.

*Adapted from the Mission Statement of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, April 28, 1992.  
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