

## Faith Formation Updates

Hello everyone! For those of you who do not know, my name is Stephanie Gaboury and I am the new Director of Ministries for the Together in Christ Collaborative.

In the times of Covid paired with this job transition, I know that many of you have varied reactions to this year; whether you are frustrated, saddened, disinterested, or tolerating the strange situation, I want you to know that your feelings are valid. I empathize with the lack of communication you experienced before I was hired. I appreciate the mixed desire to have a more formalized program while recognizing the Zoom fatigue in our students. I understand where you are coming from—and I want to do everything I can to make this a good experience going forward.

That being said, I need your help as I make improvements with this year. I am starting with next to nothing in terms of our class lists and database, as that information was not provided to me in my transition to this position. As I am new to the role (hired in December), I am still getting to know many of you, and do not have the connections to know things such as who may be missing from lists, or who might be interested in assisting in the program in some way. I need your help in reaching out to people you know to make sure they are included as we relay information, and to get excited about the ideas to come!

Our first changes going forward relate to our students in or approaching Sacramental years (grades 2, 9, and 10). From outdoor Masses to Zoom breakout rooms to guest speakers, we have a lot of plans in the works! I ask that you understand the position I am in regarding the timing (wanting to do things well often takes more time than any of us would like!) and to please spread the word to families who may be interested in joining for the remainder of this year. If you have ideas you want to share or are willing to participate as a teacher/aide or guest speaker, please let me know!

More information will be coming soon regarding specifics of these changes. In the meantime, I ask that you please spread the word to anyone you think may not be receiving information from us and have them contact me, and pray for guidance and patience for us all in this challenging time.

Best always,  
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*“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only; Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith” (James 1:22; 2:18)*