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Dear PCL's and coordinators,

I pray you are well as we prepare for a new program year.

We are happy to announce that we will partner with Tepeyac Institute to offer the theology component of the Catechist Certification Program (CCP). Tepeyac is a nationally recognized diocesan institute and this partnership provides a significant opportunity for our catechists to receive their certification from Tepeyac Institute.

Beginning this fall 2016, Tepeyac's Basic Formation Program will give catechists 22 hours of credit in the area of theology and 4 hours credit for a retreat. A catechist must complete the whole program, at which point they will only need 39 hours to receive basic level certification.

The CCP areas of Spirituality and Skills will be under our direction and we will continue to offer these courses at different parishes, and at different times throughout the diocese.

Please encourage your catechists to attend the Christian Formation Program this fall and work towards catechist certification. This is a wonderful opportunity for catechists to develop a theological foundation for their work and ministry as catechists. Enclosed is a brochure detailing the dates and locations of this program.

At the September PCL meeting we will have new certification worksheets available that reflect these changes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for all you do to hand on the faith and share the message of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. You are awesome!

Blessings,

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