Memo

Date: July 6, 2020

To: Pastors and all priests

From: Andy Lichtenwalner, Director, Office of Formation & Discipleship

Re: Faith Formation in the Fall - Virtual Meetings for Pastors and

All Priests, July 8, 9, and 10

Over the past several weeks, the Office of Formation and Discipleship has presented recommendations to assist parish catechetical leaders (PCLs) in planning for faith formation this fall in consultation with their pastors. With continued unknowns and concerns, faith formation is going to be different next year, and that is okay. One question is how to respond to the present concerns in realistic ways while taking advantage of the opportunity to engage families in a renewed way.

As a concrete means to assist parishes looking for support, OFD is offering **Families Forming Disciples** as a hybrid, family-focused approach to faith formation. We have discussed this approach with PCLs and now want to provide an opportunity for pastors or any priests engaged in parish faith formation to hear about the *Families Forming Disciples* approach, ask questions, and share feedback. <u>PowerPoint slides</u> are available online and <u>lesson plans</u> are in development in both English and Spanish.

Three different, one-hour meeting times will be offered this coming week for pastors and any interested priests – please plan to attend whichever day/time is best for your schedule: **Wednesday**, **July 8 at 3 p.m.**, **Thursday**, **July 9 at 9 a.m.**, or **Friday**, **July 10 at 2 p.m**.

The GoToMeeting info is the same for each call:

- From your computer, tablet or smartphone: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/740311621
- You can also dial in using your phone: +1 (571) 317-3112
- Access Code: 740-311-621

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at alichtenwalner@archatl.com or 404-920-7624. Thank you!