



Memo

Date: October 3, 2022

To: Clergy, parish staff, ministry leaders, Catholic school staff, chancery staff, bulletin editors

From: Kat Doyle, director, Justice and Peace Ministries

Re: “*Want to Talk: Communication Tools for Divided Times*”
Two new VIRTUAL nine-week civil dialogue program offerings

Justice and Peace Ministries will be facilitating two new VIRTUAL nine-week programs of *Want to Talk: Communication Tools for Divided Times* for those interested in facilitating the program in their deanery, parish, school or ministry group.

Tuesday evenings, October 18-December 13, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday evenings, January 4-March 1, 7-9 p.m.

This virtual participatory program offers wisdom for addressing disagreement in a healthier way—in both personal interactions and when working for social change. Whether you find yourself navigating a heated disagreement about respect for all life, interrupting racism in the office, dealing with political tension at church or working for systemic change around justice issues, this program will guide you in *keeping your cool* while staying true to your values.

The nine VIRTUAL two-hour sessions draw upon the wisdom of experts in nonviolent communication, civil dialogue and grassroots organizing, as well as the content of two required books: *The Compassion Book* by Thom Bond and *Crucial Conversations*, third edition, by Grenny, Patterson, McMillan, Switzler and Gregory. (Both are available on Kindle and Amazon.)

Beyond personal growth, this course helps prepare those who are looking to bring a civil dialogue program into their deaneries, parishes, schools or ministries.

Contact me at kdoyle@archatl.com for more information or to sign up for the program. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your pastoral resources!