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Date: July 4, 2022

To: Clergy, parish staff, ministry leaders, Catholic schools staff, chancery staff

From: Kat Doyle, director, Justice and Peace Ministries

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

I will be facilitating a VIRTUAL nine-week program titled, *Want to Talk: Communication Tools for Divided Times* on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m., beginning August 2 and running through September 27. 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 deepening your relationships 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 is especially relevant for those who are looking to bring a civil dialogue program into their home deaneries and parishes. Graduates often become facilitators in their own faith communities.

Contact me at kdoyle@archatl.com for more information or to sign up for the program. Space is limited, but we will consider adding additional dates and times if there is passionate interest. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your pastoral resources!