# How Can the Diocesan Office of Religious Education Help You?

## Staffing
- Adding Religious Education / Pastoral Ministry staff
- Orientation and mentoring for new Parish Ministers
- Advertising parish openings for Parish Ministers
- Staff / Parish Ministers evaluation and mediation

## Education, Formation, and In-service Opportunities
- Advice on selecting Graduate / Undergraduate courses for Parish Ministers
- Online and in-person courses for volunteer catechists and teachers
- Lunch and Learn gatherings for skill building for newer Parish Ministers
- Nourish and Network gatherings for idea sharing for experienced Parish Ministers
- Diocesan wide meetings and in-services for all Parish Ministers
- Ministry Day workshops focused on Faith Formation
- Child Protection in-services
- Courses for Adult Faith Formation Teams
- Resources and methods workshops for Catholic School Religion Teachers and Parish Catechists
- Religious Education Certification for teachers, catechists, administrators, and parish ministers

## Resources and Advice
- Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study / Small Christian Communities
- Children’s Ministry / CCD / PSR / VBS
- Middle School Ministry/ High School Youth Ministry / Adolescent Catechesis
- Intergenerational Programs
- Sacramental Preparation / RCIA
- Hispanic Ministry
- Special Needs Ministry
- Bereavement and Prayer
- Integrating Technology in Faith Formation
- Library resources available at [https://doylib.follettdestiny.com](https://doylib.follettdestiny.com)
- Online Resources at [http://catechistcafe.weebly.com/](http://catechistcafe.weebly.com/)
- Online Scripture Reflections at [https://scripturechat.wordpress.com/](https://scripturechat.wordpress.com/)

## Planning
- Program selection, scheduling, development, and evaluation
- Textbook selection
- Creative methods
- Retreat Planning

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