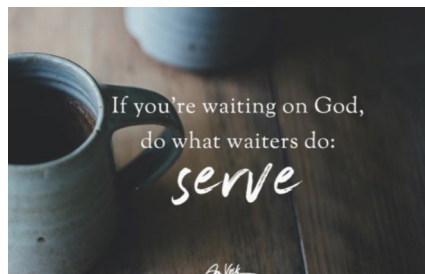


I had the privilege to travel around and attend the four Regional Meetings in our Diocese. This is a day long meeting where the DREs, Faith Formation, Youth Ministers, etc., all come together and we collaborate on how Central Services can serve parishes better and how those representing parishes can serve their parishioners better.

I saw a lot of familiar faces, put a name to a face of some that I have emailed but never met. It was a wonderful meeting each time and to make it most special was the fact that we, as a group, attended a Mass where it was just us. Sometimes those small intimate gatherings are the most powerful. ***I am very thankful for the chance to work with all of you who give so much.***

Just to reiterate what was said at each meeting, all of us at Central Services are called to do just that, Serve parishes and school so you can continue to do the important work you are called to do.



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DOLDATA Training

If you are in charge of the Child and Youth Protection in your parish, you should have received an invitation via email to DOLDATA training. This training will help you prepare for the upcoming Child and Youth Protection Diocese audit. If you did not receive any information, please let me know ASAP. This training will provide important resources so you know what the auditors will be looking for from your parish so we can show that we are complainant with the Charter. If you did not sign up and would still like to come to one of the trainings, just come on. We will be happy to see you.



DOLDATA information for Child and Youth Protection must be complete by June 30.

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE Training

Before the end of 2018, we, as a Diocese will need to complete the **Keeping the Promise Alive Refresher** training module.

This training comes along every 5 years. The last refresher training was in 2013. This training is part of the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults. The Keeping the Promise Alive **Refresher** training is for :

- Every currently **Active** Adult Volunteer who has ongoing unsupervised contact with minors .
- ALL Parish Employees no matter their position in the parish .
- ALL School Employees.

Training information is now being rolled out to each parish and school at the DOLDATA training sessions.

Keeping the Promise Alive refresher training must be complete by November 30.

Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal bulletin insert

Pastors were asked to please include the below statement in your April 28-29 bulletin to show our ongoing commitment to our Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal as a Catholic Church. If this opportunity was missed, please incorporate it into one of the weekend bulletins for the month of May.

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a Victim Assistance Coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative if you desire. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, LMSW, 1-888-308-6252, cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org