

***Calling All Catechists and DREs***

***You are invited to a Day of Renewal at St. Bernadette Parish!***

***Saturday, September 19th, 2026***

Why a Day of Renewal?

Everyone who ministers wants to be more equipped in the work of ministry.

This day is created to re-energize us. It is an opportunity to tap into the power of a breath of fresh air and to give a fresh lease on life by adding a spark. We should be proud of our ability to adapt and refresh ourselves, especially in these turbulent times.

All we need is a change to produce something new in our lives. It might be a significant alteration or a minor one, but it is needed to restore strength and vitality.

There's no reason to put things off any longer!

Come and meet those who are on the journey with us!

**THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS DAY**

Please RSVP via email to Dr. Mary Kay Isele at [StBernRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StBernRelEd@gmail.com).

Name:

Parish:

Grade level you are currently teaching:

Email address:

Phone:

**Registrations due by Thursday, September 10, 2026**

**Day of Renewal**

for DREs/Catechists (Religious Education, OCIA, Youth Ministry, Liturgy of the Word for Children)

Saturday, September 19th, 2026, at St. Bernadette Parish, Parlin

**(LOURDES CENTER)**

Theme: **CELEBRATING THE MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT**

**8:30-9AM** – Check-in and light breakfast

**9-9:15AM** – **Welcome & Prayer**

*Rev. James Hagerman, Pastor*

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**9:15 –10:15AM**

**Matthew DeCaux**

***“A Brief History of the Catholic Church in America, 1776-2026”***

Matthew is the Regional Catechetical Consultant for Loyola Press. He has worked and volunteered in the catechetical field for many years. He has been a PCL and catechist in the Archdiocese of Newark.

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**10:15-11:15AM**

Small Group Discussion about Best Practices for DRES &

Catechists – Grade Level Lesson Share

Activity for ALL!

Catechists/DREs may want to bring copies of “best” lessons/practices to share.

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**11:15AM – 12:00PM**

**Dr. Mary Kay Isele**

***“Embracing the Great Commission: Your Personal Mission”***

Mary Kay is the Director of Religious Education at St. Bernadette Parish. She has been “administrating” the Religious Education process and varied programs, in a variety of roles, throughout the Diocese of Metuchen and Archdiocese of Newark for 42 years.

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**12:00 – 12:15PM - Closing Prayer**

*Rev. James Hagerman, Pastor*