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Dear Pastor or Parochial Administrator,

I'm writing to ask you to invite youth ministry coordinators, core teams, youth group leaders and young adult ministry leaders to participate in a new program called EQUIP. If we want to empower our young people to be missionary disciples, we need to prepare and equip our leaders for the task.

Participants will join a small group for a process of reflection, study, growth and mutual support. The program content covers the theology, best practices and skills they'll need to build a successful youth and young adult ministry in your parish or take an existing ministry to the next level. Together, we can build up the Church to share God's love with the young.

The process begins with a retreat on October 19-20, 2019 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax, CA. It continues with a monthly regional gathering in small groups. The program is a hybrid model where participants read and watch video content in between small group meetings and practice what they have learned with the parish youth and/or young adult ministries they are involved in.

The purpose is two-fold: 1. to equip youth and young adult ministry leaders to better form young people into missionary disciples, and 2. to build the leaders in each small group into a regional community of support.

The program is designed for all youth and young adult ministry leaders - new, seasoned, formed, unformed, and over-formed - to grow through the sharing of resources, experiences and approaches throughout the process. Small groups will be facilitated by our Regional Coordinators: Lindsey West, Alex Barraza and Richard Cherveney.

The EQUIP Specialization is a partnership between the parish, the Diocese of Sacramento and the participant. The \$225 cost is split 3 ways: the participant pays \$75, the parish pays \$75, and the Diocese of Sacramento pays \$75. For more information, please contact me at (916) 733- 0152.

Enclosed you will find copies of a flyer to distribute to anyone in the parish you think might benefit. Please help us spread the word.

Thank you for taking the time to review this opportunity.

Deacon Kevin Staszko
Director

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A YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM

Parish youth ministry coordinators, core teams, youth group leaders and young adult ministry leaders are invited to be a part of the EQUIP Specialization series.

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EQUIP

PREPARED AS DISCIPLES TO
ACCOMPANY YOUTH

GREAT MINISTRY IS NOT EASY!

As we fulfill our calling in Ministry we must EQUIP ourselves with the right tools so we can effectively build the Kingdom of God in our Parish Communities.

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**-DEACON KEVIN
STASZKOW**

A HYBRID MODEL

Participants in the EQUIP series are expected to commit to participating in a Retreat in October 2019, read/watch 3 hours of content on-line and be part of one of the EQUIP SMALL GROUP meetings (once per month for 6 months) offered regionally in Sacramento, Solano, Yolo, Gold Country, and the North State.

DATES

EQUIP Retreat: October 19-20, 2019
Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax

Equip Small Groups will meet for approx. 2-3 hours per session, and are offered regionally in Sacramento, Solano, Yolo, Gold Country and the North State.

Session 1: November 2-9, 2019
Session 2: January 7-11, 2020
Session 3: February 3-8, 2020
Session 4: March 9-14, 2020
Session 5: Mar. 31- Apr. 6, 2020
Session 6: May 2-9, 2020




For a detailed list of small group meeting dates and locations, please visit www.scd.org/equip.

COST AND REGISTRATION

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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