

March 29,2021

Dear Priests, Deacons and all Parish Ministry Leaders,

The Offices of Family and Faith Formation and Youth and Young Adult Ministry are pleased to announce Ministry Days 2021 on Friday and Saturday – September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please SAVE THE DATE!

Also... Ministry Days is now accepting applications for speakers at <a href="www.ministrydays.com">www.ministrydays.com</a>. We are looking for speakers can provide practical and hands-on workshops for catechists, Catholic school teachers, youth ministers, deacons, and other ministry leaders that focus on our theme of Journey with Joseph and all ministry areas. If you have questions about the workshop submission process, please contact Lauralyn Solano at <a href="mailto:lsolano@scd.org">lsolano@scd.org</a> or Teresa Donan at <a href="mailto:tdonan@scd.org">tdonan@scd.org</a>.

This year at ministry days, let's.... JOURNEY WITH JOSEPH. Pope Francis asks us to follow the example of St. Joseph in this uncertain time. St. Joseph didn't have much control over the situation he found himself in, but he humbly accepted God's plan. He invited Mary into his home, and then he, together with Mary, found a way to lead their family out of the danger and the chaos so that Jesus' mission could be fulfilled. Once Jesus grows up, we hear little about St. Joseph. St. Joseph's example reminds us that every one of us has an important part to play in the mission of Jesus, and that even if our efforts go unnoticed, they are essential to God's plan. We, like St. Joseph, are called to accept our current situation as part of God's loving plan for us, to tenderly accompany and collaborate with those we encounter, and move forward creatively and courageously in our ministry efforts. Join us for MINISTRY DAYS 2021, a day to reconnect with disciples from all around the Diocese, share our experiences in this uncertain time, equip ourselves for the road ahead and receive God's protection as we JOURNEY WITH JOSEPH...

Registration will open soon. We look forward to seeing you and your ministry team there!

Yours in Christ,

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