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Dear Catechetical Leaders and Parents,

Thank you for the warm welcome I received this past weekend. I am happy to be with you at St. Patrick and to share the role of teaching the gospel. A priority has been filling the vacancy left by the departure of our Director of Religious Education.

I discussed the need for new leadership with Bishop Grob, our Vicar, and Fr. Mike Nacius, our Dean. I also consulted with the HR Department of the Archdiocese and the School of Parish Leadership at Mundelein. As a result, we have created a new position entitled: Director of **Faith Formation for Children and Youth**. Brandin Stoy assumed this position as of July 1st.

In addition to his previous duties with the Confirmation Program and youth activities, Brandin's new role will include directing the Religious Education program for grades 1-12. It also includes overseeing Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and the Christian Initiation of Children.

Brandin will be enrolled at the School of Parish Leadership and Evangelization at Mundelein to pursue full certification in one year. I am grateful that Brandin has accepted the challenge of the new role.

I wanted to share this information first with you as the ones currently involved in the ministry of religious education and sacramental preparation. I hope you will continue to respond to the call to serve and support Brandin in his new role. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to empower all of us for our mission of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr Jerry Gunderson
Administrator