

Trenton Religious Education Directors (TRED) – *Welcome to the 2021-2022 Religious Education Year!*

TRED welcomes you as you begin the 2021-2022 year leading the religious education ministry in your parish. As you know, you are a key person in your parish with a very visible and responsible role, but you are not alone! If you have not connected with TRED in the past, here is some information about us:

The TRED organization is comprised of everyone in the Diocese of Trenton who directs the faith formation of the children in their parish. TRED has a Board of Directors who works very hard to provide workshops, gatherings, and retreats for all of us. We exist to support, mentor, inform and connect ourselves throughout the year. We are your main connection with the Diocese!

The Board of Directors consists of officers and what we call “Cluster Representatives.” Cluster reps are PCLs from each of our four counties in the Diocese who come to our board meetings to receive information and news from the Department of Catechesis and various other departments in the Diocese, and discuss accomplishments and concerns within their county. We have annual dues to help support the speakers and various activities we provide. Each cluster holds meetings, run by the cluster rep, throughout the year. In order to receive our support and stay connected it is vital that you make every effort to attend your cluster’s meetings when possible. At the very least, stay in touch with your cluster rep. After all, we exist for you!

So, who are we? Here’s a list of the current executive board officers and Cluster reps for each county:

President – John McGuire (St. Paul’s, Princeton)

Vice President – Jessica Donohue (St. Joan of Arc, Marlton)

Secretary – *To be filled*

Treasurer – Margaret Zola (Mary, Mother of the Church, Bordentown)

Cluster Reps

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To be filled

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Ocean –

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Please contact your cluster rep if you have not already been contacted to find out when and where your meetings usually take place. Your cluster may be meeting virtually or in-person at this point, depending on circumstances and preferences among PCLs in each cluster. During these unique and challenging times, our support of one another is especially vital and beneficial. While PCLs are typically very busy throughout the year, we encourage you to make time in your schedule to connect with other PCLs through your cluster meetings, and attending (whether virtually or in person) the professional and spiritual formation opportunities offered by TRED and by our Diocese.

We look forward to serving you – and serving with you – as catechetical leaders this year, and pray that God blesses you abundantly in this beautiful ministry!

~ *Jessica Donohue*, TRED Board Vice President