Bulletin note June 24-25, 2023 - Sarah Mescher, Coordinator of Elementary CCD

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Dear Parishioners.

We are glad to announce and welcome Holy Redeemer parishioner Sarah Mescher as our new Coordinator of Religious Education, Elementary CCD. We received four applications for the position, three from Holy Redeemer. An interview team consisting of an Education Commission member, two CCD teachers, a parishioner with Human Resources/hiring experience and myself interviewed the applicants. We were blest with three gifted and talented candidates from Holy Redeemer and were confident that all three would have been excellent and faith filled CRE's, but we needed to narrow our search down to one. After lengthy discernment and prayer, we offered the position to Sarah and she accepted.

Sarah is known for her organization and ability to handle a variety of things at one time, being comfortable talking to children, peers and parents, filled with a fire and passion to learn the faith and share it with others while also being able to say I don't know then researching and getting back to folks with the answer. Her background with special needs may also be helpful in situations that may arise. Sarah will be transitioning into the position during the month of July with guidance from Kathy Pape and Jenny Sailer and ready to assume full duties by August 1st.

Please join us in welcoming Sarah and supporting her efforts, along with Jenny and all our teachers and parents witnessing and passing on the gift of faith to our children.

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited to start as Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE), Elementary CCD and will be moving into the role over the month of July. As a mother of four I have valued all that the program has done over the years for my children and the faith that it has brought into our home. Kathy's passion for the children and religious education has brought joy to my heart and many smiles to my children's faces.

I am passionate about growing in my faith and continually learning and over the next month I will be familiarizing myself with all of our current curriculum, sacramental preparation programs, and various other events. As a Catechist, I found myself surrounded by amazing people and I am happy to continue working with all of them as we continue to grow.

I am always looking for opportunities for our students to learn and will continue that now as the CRE. I also plan to utilize my background in graphic design & marketing to take on some creative projects and continue growing the program. I am passionate about our parish and our youth and will enjoy watching them flourish in their faith.

Blessings, Sarah Mescher