

Pastor's Letter ... *On Our New Youth Minister*

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Dear Parish Family,

I am delighted to report that after many months of prayer and searching, St. John Chrysostom Parish has a dynamic new Youth Minister! Please welcome Renée Dennis, a parishioner, catechist and Pastoral Council member at St. Madeline's Parish in Ridley Park.



A Texas native and Temple University grad, Renée is a longtime professional dancer with three young children who exudes a joyful passion for her faith and for youth.

A convert to Catholicism as a young adult, Renée credits her own youth-group years with kindling her spirit, her love of God, her friendships, and her positive road in life. She is eager to collaborate with our entire parish community in helping our youth, in the words of Pope Francis, “make the future with beauty, with goodness and truth.”

For now, we will have one Youth Group that will meet after the 11:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday, beginning Nov. 22. I hope all of our teenagers will get involved whenever possible, and I ask our parents to help support Youth Group by encouraging their children's participation.

As many of you know, our former Youth Minister, Julia White, is now working with immigrant families in Austin, TX. Julia was an inspiration to our youth and worked hard to guide them in lives governed by Catholic Social Teaching. Renée walks the same joyful Gospel walk. We are blessed to have had Julia's service, and we welcome Renée to the St. John's family with open arms. Please continue to keep both of these extraordinary young women in your prayers.

In peace,

Father Ed