



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT GROUPS AT OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

Dear All Youth & Young Adults and your Families,

I want to start off by saying “thank you” to all for the tremendous love and support you have been to me and the Youth & Young Adult Ministries at Our Lady of Peace Parish. I have worked at OLOPP for the last 13 years now and I have loved every minute of it! God has truly blessed me with meeting amazing people (not just the youth & young adults, but all ages) through His work that He led me in here.

I have always said that being a Youth Minister was a calling, almost like a second vocation in my life and that God called me to OLOPP in 2009.

Following that call was the biggest blessing to myself and my husband, Phil!

We grew our family by many “children” who were the youth & young adults of the parish! (Some now are married with their own children!) Four years ago when our son, JohnPaul, was born, he already had hundreds of “brothers and sisters” who

instantly became like family to him! This ministry has truly been a part my family’s life. Truthfully, over these last 13 years working at OLOPP, I never really felt like I was “working”, but rather serving a community which I loved dearly; the youth, the young adults, the parishioners, the Deacons, the Priests and staff of both the parish and St. Mary School.

Striving to follow God’s will in our life is what we are called to do as Catholic Christians. Currently I feel God calling me to now serve a new community of young adults, as the Campus Minister at Rowan University’s Newman Club/Catholic Campus Ministry at St. Bridget’s University Parish. This position is very familiar to me as an alumna of this college and former Newman Club member. This ministry is where Phil and I met back twenty years ago in 2002 and the Church of St. Bridget’s was where we were married in 2007. God has a funny way of bringing life back around! I will be beginning working there at the end of August, thus making a very prayerful decision to leave my position as the Youth & Young Adult Minister at OLOPP at the beginning of August.

Our Lady of Peace Parish will continue to be my family’s parish and I will remain working on the bulletin and being involved with some parish ministries. I will also be working with the transition to the person(s) who will take over leading the Youth & Young Adult Ministries. I know the Lord will continue to bless these ministries and allow them to continue to grow in beautiful and new ways! I will be praying for all involved in the ministries during this time of transition and I ask for your prayers as well!

Please know that I am currently working on the schedule to be as smooth of a transition as possible for our ministries. However, some of the upcoming events may change for August, so please stay tuned to the details of them via email and texts if you are involved in the Youth or Young Adult Ministry.

Also know that I cherish every memory from my years of serving in this parish and I will hold each of you in my heart who have been a part of my life through these ministries!

St. Mother Therese is one of my favorite saints who I truly admire for her holiness! She says,

“I’m a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.”

I pray that God showed His love through my service, thank you each for showing your love to me!

God bless, Kari 

