

From: Fr. Michael J. Lumpe
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Brother Priests:

Please read carefully the information below from Andrea Parnell (Office of Development and Planning) and Regina Quinn (Safe Environment Office).

Fraternally,

+Bishop Brennan

FROM ANDREA PANNELL:

The Office of Development and Planning is offering a free program to all parishes and missions. S.E.C.U.R.E. is a program that supports parishes and schools in their efforts to build, strengthen, and further digital/virtual ministries and communities while also providing focused support on parish offertory recovery and school fundraising. Through a process of Support, Evaluation, Connection, Utilization of Resources, and Engagement, parish and school communities are advancing our missions and meeting people where they are. Please see the attached letter for more information.

We will have introductory webinars for parishes and missions Tuesday, May 5 from 1:00-2:00pm and Wednesday, May 6 from 12:30-1:30pm. We are asking all parishes and missions to [Take the Parish Inventory Survey Here](#) (click on link).

To RSVP to a webinar, please click on the corresponding link:

- [RSVP to Parish Webinar Tuesday, May 5 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm](#)
- [RSVP to Parish Webinar Wednesday, May 6 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm](#)

Please contact the Office of Development and Planning with any questions at 614-241-2550.

FROM REGINA QUINN:

Despite the restrictions caused by COVID-19, we can still get people into compliance with Diocesan safe environment policies.

Fingerprinting services: Despite the BMV offices being closed, and many police departments and sheriff's offices not doing fingerprinting right now, the fastfingerprints offices in Westerville and on Bethel Rd are open. People will need to schedule an appointment to be fingerprinted. Also, if people do not want to leave their home, they can buy DIY fingerprinting kit from fastfingerprints. Details on both making appointments and ordering fingerprinting kits can be found at: <http://www.fastfingerprints.com/Public/default.aspx>

PGC via Zoom: For a limited time only, the Diocese of Columbus is allowing *Protecting God's Children* (PGC) sessions to be facilitated online. The PGC session scheduled to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on May 12, 2020 will take place via a Zoom video conferencing. If you signed up for the onsite training, you are automatically registered for the online session. Please note:

- You must be able to participate on a PC, smartphone, or tablet device with audio and video sharing capabilities. Participants will be required to keep the Zoom conference window maximized and their camera active during the entire session.
- A Zoom account is not required to participate, though many of you may find it helpful to create one. Please sign in using the full name that you used when you registered.
- The session will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. As with our onsite sessions, participants will not be permitted to join the session once the first video has begun. The session will take the same amount of time (2.5-3 hours) as an onsite session.
- Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the functions of your device before the session begins. This is especially important for your microphone and audio functions. The facilitator will not be able to provide technical support during the sessions.
- The facilitator will provide participants with instructions for participant interactions at the beginning of the session.
- All handouts will be e-mailed to participants prior to the session. Participation certificates will be distributed by e-mail after the session.
- If you do not have the proper equipment or reliable high-speed internet, please contact the diocesan Safe Environment Office to register for another session.

Join Zoom Session here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958645138?pwd=cmxoSTZJbC84S0llyIRDNVBSVnVydz09>

We recommend that you sign on 5-minutes before our scheduled start time.

Thank you,

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Thursday, April 30th

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Diocese of Columbus' offices are committed to constant support of our parish communities. I am especially reminded of this as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker tomorrow. This celebration calls us to reflect on his role of providing for the Holy Family, and teaching Christ through his humble vocation of carpenter. Much like Saint Joseph, we have been called to take care of our own spiritual families, our parishes.

It is in this spirit that I am excited to offer a program on behalf of the Diocesan offices to all parishes to help build, strengthen, and further our digital ministries and communities. This program, led by the Office of Development and Planning and in conjunction with Extreme Charity, is free to, and elective for, all parishes. However, I urge all parishes try this program. Andrea Pannell and her team will be hosting two informational webinars:

- [Tuesday, May 5 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm](#)
- [Wednesday, May 6 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm](#)

Pastors, business managers, and lay leaders from parish/finance councils are all encouraged to attend.

I am excited for this opportunity ahead. Even though we remain in a period of social distancing, we look to remain spiritually close. This program will help each parish address their current needs to build digital communities for their parishioners. Please RSVP in the link provided and fill out [the survey](#) to help our staff tailor personal support for your parish.

Thank you for all the work you are doing for your parishes and communities. Please know that I am praying for you.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus

Diocese of Columbus: S.E.C.U.R.E Parish Overview

Build, Strengthen, and Advance Digital Ministries, Communities, and Offertory Recovery!

In our continuing commitment to support the missions of our parish communities, the Diocesan Office of Development and Planning (ODP) is launching S.E.C.U.R.E. for Parishes. A program that supports parishes in their efforts to build, strengthen and further digital/virtual ministries and communities while also providing focused support on parish offertory recovery. Through a process of Support, Evaluation, Connection, Utilizing resources, and Engagement, parish communities look to advance mission and meet people where they are.

Utilizing the Diocesan Stewardship tenets to engage parishes digitally during this extraordinary time, ODP has worked with CCS Fundraising, to develop a SECURE Plan for your consideration. Working in partnership with the ODP Parish Support Coordinators and CCS consultants, each parish in the Diocese will be supported in developing a strategy on connecting with parishioners during and beyond COVID-19, as well as opening channels for virtual and alternative offertory giving. **This program is not a campaign.** It is a real-time focused opportunity to work with our parish communities to give them the tools and training needed to launch digital platforms that will prepare them for better sustainability moving forward.

What can a parish expect from this program?

- 2-3 Weekly Steps to Improve Parishioner Engagement and Giving
- Hands-on Assistance with Social Media, Communications, & Meetings
- Offertory Tracking & Benchmarking
- Speaking Points & Training Materials
- A Community to Share New Ideas and Successes

As we work to foster virtual communities, our goal is to promote spiritual closeness in a time of physical distance. We know our parishes are our families; we want to make sure everyone continues to feel supported and embraced during this time. Additionally, we understand that many parishes are facing financial difficulty as public Mass is suspended. We will offer elective, targeted support to parishes to help them enact messaging and actions to strengthen their communities and online offertory at this time. We will offer weekly webinars that cover a variety of topics, promote one-on-one planning and implementation sessions with our Parish Support Coordinators, and troubleshoot problems that pastors, staff, and lay leaders identify they are experiencing at this time.