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The Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre

Meeting focuses on priority

On February 18, 2021 Patriarch Sviatoslav met virtually with religious education directors from Eparchies around the world.

“The Patriarch focused on the number one priority for the spiritual development of the faithful: Adult Faith Formation. He said, “Children learn from the adults. If the adults do not know, the children cannot learn””

Sr. Bonnie Komarnicki
Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

The Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC) is run by three Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sister Marijka Konderewicz, Sister Bonnie Komarnicki, and Sister Georgia Shchavii. Through the years the Centre has been active providing many services to the Eparchy including correspondence catechism, catechism

resources, a resource and lending library, catechist retreats and the extremely popular Eparchial Faith Formation program.

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic over a year ago, the challenge to deliver the Eparchial Faith Formation Program has been immense and is requiring a complete re-thinking of how it can move forward.

“One of the initiatives of the Faith Formation Program is community,” says Sister Marijka. “Often we hear from people that they miss community.””

The Eparchial Faith Formation Program is currently being delivered to the communities around the Eparchy using an online program. We connect to them via WebEx. Adhering to public health guidelines, we meet in Church Auditoriums wherever possible or needed.

As they move forward in the upcoming year, the Sisters are focusing on how better to reach out to the faithful across the Eparchy.

“We are getting in touch with our participants, asking them what they need. What are their goals? What topics are they interested in?” said Sr. Marijka.

During the summer they will review the program and plan around how to best to fulfill those needs.

“Without the help of the Annual Eparchial Appeal and the generosity of the donors these good works could not continue. It is a gift and a grace to have the support and we thank them.” said both Sisters.

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