

New School Year Letter

Hello,

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I am Sara Marquardt the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at our Parish.

I am very excited to be working with our youth to help lead them to a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and help them to have a deeper understanding of the richness of our Faith.

I grew up in Florida with my family of 10 (4 boys and 4 girls) of which I am 3rd in the lineup. I left the south for a while to get my Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Catechetics with a Youth Ministry Concentration from Franciscan University of Steubenville. After years of volunteering with young people in the Church I knew the Lord was calling me to respond to the deep desire to bring the love of God to all people, especially the young. Taking the words of our Lord Jesus to heart when he says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14), I intend to do just that with the help of His Grace.

I am responsible for coordinating events for grades 5th -12th in the parish, including preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation; as well as facilitating events and opportunities for the young adults in the area. All as a way to provide a vibrant, fun, and faith-filled experience for the young people in our community.

As we get our new Youth Ministry program started this school year, I look forward to working with our youth to build a vibrant community of faith in Christ. I am so excited to be a part of the St. John Neumann family as we all strive to fall more intimately in love with our Lord through personal relationship with Him and one another.

P.S. As an important side note, I think food is a beautiful way to bring people together, so if you ever feel like getting to know me over a meal, eating is one of my love languages.

For more information you can head over to our website and feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

God Bless,

Your sister in Christ,

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