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Dear Institute Students,

Greetings of Peace in this Christmas Season, and in the new year!



I am writing to touch base as we prepare for our winter-spring semester of the diocesan **INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION** during this continuing COVID-19 reality we are living in.

First... I am sending a **detailed description of the winter-spring semester**, which will be offered online via Zoom sessions. Please review this information so that you know what our plans are for this semester and going forward.

Second... I am also enclosing a **registration form** for your participation during this semester. You have the option to print out and complete this form and return it to me by mail, or to provide this information electronically (via an email message and/or attachment).

Third... If you do not wish to participate in the online sessions, you can still participate “off line” by completing the reading assignments from our course text (i.e., [The Catholic Church through the Ages: A History](#)) and from online resources, and by viewing the video segments from, “The Wild Goose,” which are available to view online (at The Wild Goose web site: <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/series-segments>). And, if you wish to connect with me via email to share your thoughts on the course material for this semester, I am very open to that as well.

Fourth... I will plan to keep in touch with everyone, via email, throughout the semester (i.e., both with those participating in the online sessions, and with those not participating). I want to keep in communication with everyone in the class, on an ongoing basis, until we are able to return to our “in person” formation sessions.

Fifth, and finally... Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, etc. as we prepare to begin this new semester. I will be sending out an email reminder to everyone, a few days before our first session, with a Zoom link and other information to prepare for the session.

Thank you for your participation in our diocesan **INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION**, and I look forward to continuing our journey of faith and discipleship together in 2021. *God bless!*

Sincerely,

Todd Graff
Director of Lay Formation and RCIA