

INTRODUCING OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER

Meet Vicky Petro

Youth and Young Adult Minister

Vicky Petro is a wife and mother of 40 years. She has 5 grown children and 5 grandchildren. For the past 18 years God has blessed her with many ministries in the spiritual, youth ministry and religious education areas of the Catholic Church.

She is a certified Master Catechist & DRE and is completing her Pastoral Minister and Spiritual Direction Certification. She has been actively involved in religious education, youth ministry and spiritual formation both professionally and in a volunteer capacity all of her life. She is a Diocesan Presenter for Catechist Certification Classes, Retreats, Workshops, Missions, "Prayer and Temperament", Days of Reflection, Spiritual Gifts, & Stewardship. Vicky is also a mentor for new DRE's and Pastoral Ministers for both the Office of Catechetical Services and the Pastoral Ministry Office. She was an adjunct staff member at the Diocesan Retreat Center (St. Joseph Christian Life Center). For the past 13 years she has been giving presentations on Spiritual Gifts which led her to envision and co-author the book & workshop, "Spiritual Gifts Experience". In 1999 she received the Michael Berkin 'Peace and Justice Award' from the Catholic Commission (WAM) and many other recognitions for volunteerism, and working for the rights and protection of children.

"I love working with children, couples, and families either one on one or in groups large or small". I thank God for the opportunities to walk with so many people on their spiritual journey and cannot wait to meet all of the wonderful people at St. John of the Cross. I am excited about realizing and beginning new adventures in Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry as well as envisioning all that God has waiting for the Young Adults of the parish. I also am looking forward to working with one of the finest Pastoral Staffs in the Cleveland Diocese".

Please stop her any time to introduce yourself to her. She believes God intends for all of our lives to be filled with love, laughter and joy both in our homes and in the workplace.

WELCOME VICKY!