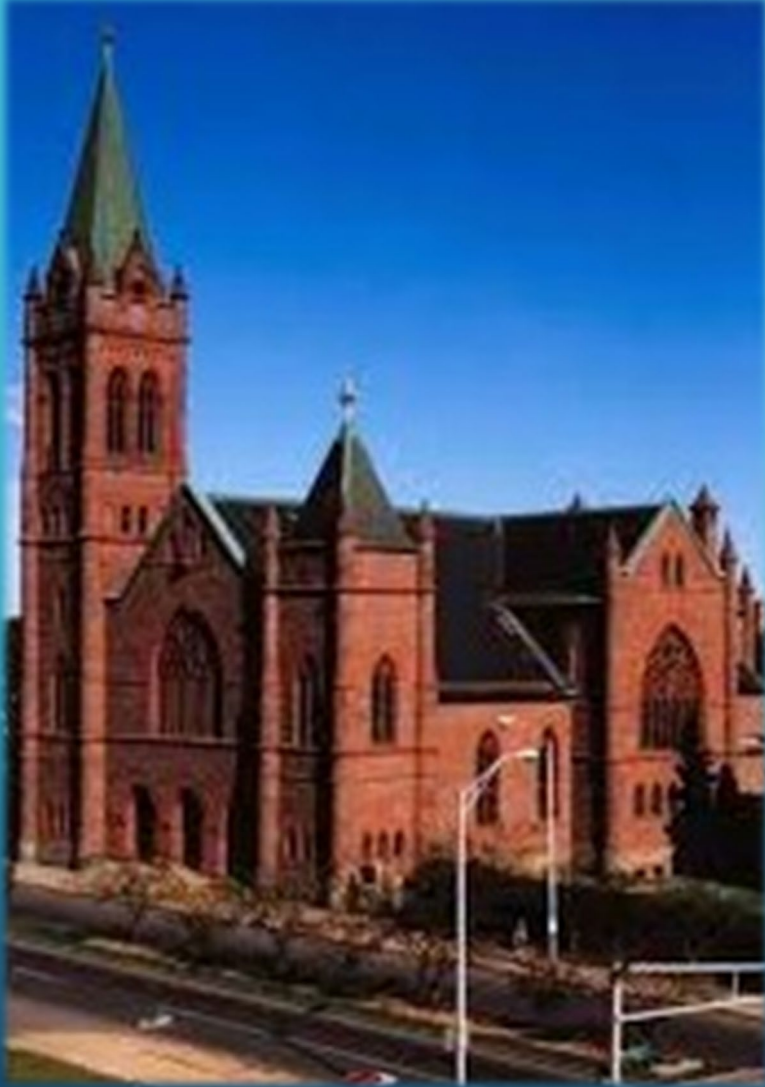




ZOOM AND THE CLASSROOM CULTURE IN THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

HOW DIGITAL COMMUNICATION AS A RESPONSE
TO COVID 19 HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE EDUCATE



What's our mission?

To know, love and serve God, in part, by serving one another.

How do we get there?

Formation for Ministry helps people to grow spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually.





What did we do well?

- We were able to continue our classes.
- More people became involved, initially.
(Barnes)
 - The program grew.

What didn't work?

- We don't get a sense of how the diocese works.
 - There are no “parking lot” conversations.
 - After COVID 19 was over, the numbers of enrollees started to drop. (Barnes)

From the diocesan Offices of Adult and Ministerial Formation

- The pros

Reach more people

No need for a classroom

Sessions are taped to revisit later

Weather is never an issue

- The cons

Not forming the relationships

Difficulty sharing ideas and knowledge

Zoom fatigue

Zoom fatigue (Wheater, K)

- Close eye contact
 - Seeing yourself
 - Limited mobility
 - Cognitive overload

Livestreams, like Zoom, deliver the content, but not the community.



“Trying to communicate the fullness of one’s way of being over Zoom-chat is a fruitless venture. The person is truncated by the virtual experience, and the capacity for conveying the fullness of Catholic truth is, thus, weakened.”

E. Tyler Graham

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