

Northside Parents and Youth,

It has been an incredible blessing to serve as the coordinator for Northside Youth Ministry. Everyone I've met has been so supportive of the program and of my family. We were welcomed to Spokane with generosity - even staying at one of your houses for a few weeks while we were apartment hunting! While this position was brand new when I took it, I've been amazed at how quickly I settled in and found a rhythm. I have to think this was due to parents stepping up in so many ways, the efforts of all the volunteers who helped build this ministry into what it is, and the support of the pastors and parish staff, all cooperating with the Holy Spirit in your desire for the salvation of souls. So thank you parents, priests, staff and to past and present volunteers for all you've done.

With that said, I am accepting a new position at St. Mary in the Valley as Director of Parish Evangelization. I'll have the chance to work with youth, young adult, and adult populations, coordinating evangelization and discipleship ministries and activities. As much as it pains me to leave a position I've loved and leave these amazing students, it excites me to take on a new challenge.

Thank you so much for the chance to share life with you over the last three years. I'm overcome with gratitude in how much I've been given in this opportunity. When I was 18 I had a dream of working for the church and nearly did, with a local ministry internship but went a different route instead. This Northside position was the fulfillment of that original dream and I can't say thank you enough for the opportunity.

My email will remain the same, so please reach out if you need anything. I will still be in town so don't hesitate to email me at jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org and please pray for God to send someone who will take on this Northside role with great zeal. I will continue to pray for Northside ministry and all of the students I've been blessed to work with. Please pray for my family as we enter into this new adventure.

For Steubenville and Middle School Camp, I will still be leading our Northside group and the contact for any of your questions. Thank you again and God bless you.

In Christ, JJ Nazzaro