# DRE/CRE KICKOFF MEETING

*Open to all DREs, CREs and their support staff*

## MONDAY, AUGUST 28

**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**
**QUEEN OF SAINTS HALL**
**238 JEWETT AVE., BRIDGEPORT, CT**

## "I CALL YOU FRIENDS" JOHN 15:15

Jesus Christ called his followers — ancient and new — friends. Friendship demands being vulnerable, open, being able to take risks, being able to listen and being able to speak the truth in love, being able to accept the other, being able to ask for forgiveness, and being able to forgive. Becoming someone's friend allows us to discover the truth of another person while plumbing the depths of our own life. A true friend is a pathway to holiness. Friendship with Jesus Christ is a friendship like no other, bringing us closer and deeper into the love of God. The joy of being evangelizers and catechists is the fruit of friendship with Christ.

**TOGETHER, LET US EXPLORE WHAT THAT MEANS.**

***Keynote Speaker:***
**Susan Kay**

Susan Kay is a Consultant for William H. Sadlier with more than 25 years of experience in Catholic schools, parishes, and the Archdiocese of Boston Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. She holds a bachelor of arts in English from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and a master's degree in (religious) education from Boston College, MA. She teaches in the master of arts in ministry degree program at Saint John's Seminary, Boston.

Susan offers presentations, workshops, and retreats on a variety of topics, such as spirituality, creating safe spaces, the importance of the arts in faith formation, and the impact of Vatican II on evangelization and catechesis.

**Welcome/Breakfast:** 8:30am **Program:** 9am-2pm

**Sponsor:** Sadlier Religion

**RSVP no later than:** Wednesday, August 23
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