

# WELCOME

## TO A NEW MEMBER TO OUR PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

### LOUISE TIMKO

is the new Director of Faith Formation and Religious Education  
or Parish Youth and Adults.

*Hi everyone,*

My first experience as a catechist was in 1971 when I was in the seventh grade. I volunteered to help out as a substitute catechist at St. Mary's (now Divine Mercy parish) in Rahway. Not only did I really enjoy teaching the children, I thought it was the best thing in the world to share one's faith and get others thinking about their relationship with God. Since then, I've studied Religion formally (BA, MA, PhD)



and worked as a religious education editor for several Catholic textbook companies. I continue to write catechetical materials, and have been for many years a catechist at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scotch Plains. The great thing about being Catholic is that catechesis never ends. No matter who we are, God is always leading us closer to Himself through the Liturgy and the Sacraments. There's always more to discover and learn. What could be better to talk about than that? I'm so happy to be the new Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Sacred Heart. I look forward to meeting everyone and coordinating the faith formation programs here. My husband Jim and I look forward to worshipping with all of you as well.