

## FROM THE PASTOR

*Dear Brothers and Sisters*

Our new Director of Religious Education, Raquel Condon (Ordoñez) was born in Madrid, Spain and is the second of eight siblings.

Her family moved to the United States in September of 2005 and settled down in Saddle River, NJ.

I first met Raquel and her parents when they had just arrived from Spain, while I was at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood. Raquel was in High School at that time.

Her education was local, as she attended Northern Highlands in Allendale and Fordham University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

It was also there that she met her husband, Lucas Condon, to whom she was married a year later in Madrid.

After their first son Santiago was born, Raquel decided to stay home to take care of him.

They moved to Midland Park as a family of three in 2014 and have since grown their family to six children (Santiago 7, Catalina 6, Damian 5, Loreto 4, Guadalupe 2 and Jonah 9 months).

We welcome Raquel to our parish as she undertakes her new position as DRE. She has already helped coordinate our summer Lighting Our Faith program, which was a huge success, and is currently working on scheduling and registration for the coming year.

Why not stop by and say hello, to make Raquel welcome, and if you feel inspired, consider joining her as a Catechist in our Faith Formation Program.



Raquel Condon, with husband  
Lucas and their family.

*Fr. Sean*