

## Director of Adult Formation

Carmel Acosta is a native of New Orleans where she attended Loyola University obtaining a psychology degree with a minor in secondary education. She later earned a Master of Arts in Theology from Notre Dame Seminary. Recently, Carmel finished her Ignatian trained spiritual direction certification through the Archdiocese Spirituality Center.

She has served the Diocese of Baton Rouge for the last 24 years as a Catholic educator serving both in school and parish settings. She started her ministry career as a middle school teacher at Our Lady of Mercy school where she served for over 20 years. Several of her years at Our Lady of Mercy was spent as the Director of Religion Education for the School. Carmel has also served the diocese as a part time instructor of Ministry and Theology classes for the evangelization Office. Carmel Acosta comes to us from St. Jude Parish where she was the Director of Christian Formation for the last two years.

Carmel is married to her husband Eddie of 25 years and they have three sons. Carmel is excited to be joining Fr. Micheal and the St. Aloysius parish staff. She said she is most excited about being about to focus primarily on the faith formation of the volunteers and the adults in the parish.