



Are you being called?

Volunteering in Religious Education Ministry

*This page and registering your child for religious education raises the question whether you might give your time to help pass the Catholic faith to another generation. Many people feel they aren't qualified to teach but teaching in the program is one of the best ways to learn more about the Catholic faith. Willingness and genuine interest in the children are the key components. **You can find out more without obligation at the information sessions on August 22 and 23 at 7:30 in the Parish Community Room.** Please consider joining with us. Thank you.*

Have you decided to help? Many people ask a friend to join them either as an aide or to share in the teaching. We will also try to pair people up if you would like to teach with a second person. Here is some of what needs to be done, what's involved and the time commitment.

Which Grade? ___ What Day/Time? _____ If you want to work with someone, who? _____.

___ Lead Catechist (Grades 1 to 8) –

Someone comfortable with students in a classroom and willing to be responsible for preparing the lessons. There will be training sessions to acquaint people with materials and procedures. Complete lesson plans and support materials are provided. Individuals should expect to spend a couple hours preparing each class, although the time may be less once a person is familiar with the materials. A child protection meeting, a CORI check and code of conduct agreement are required.

___ Sharing the Lead - Willing to split up dates with another lead catechist.

___ Team Teaching – Prefers to co-teach with another lead catechist.

___ Aide – A second person willing to help in a classroom, may include discipline, organizing activities, and being willing to substitute on occasion if the lead person is sick or can't make a class.

___ Substitute Catechist – Available on short notice to teach occasionally.

___ Child Care – During class times, provide child care for the small children of people teaching. It would be nice to have two sets of people for each class time: Sunday at 10:15 am, Mon. Tues., Thurs. at 4:00 pm, so they could alternate weeks.

___ Confirmation Group Facilitator - Confirmation classes are monthly, on Sundays from 4:30-7:30; including Mass. Group facilitators do not prepare lesson plans, but rather listen to the guest presenter for that month's topic, along with their small group of 10 -12 teens, and then, facilitate the small group discussions. A Peer Minister is paired with a Group Facilitator, to make the group discussions easier.

___ Chaperone – Help with middle school and high school events. Usually a couple hours at a sporting or social activity.

___ Pizza hour host - Assist in monthly set-up for confirmation

___ Office Help – A couple hours of data entry on your schedule each week. What day and time is best for you? _____

___ Other – What would you like to suggest? _____

Returning teachers do not need to fill this out, but do need to complete registration for their own children.

Volunteer Application

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Best time or way to reach you? _____

If this is your first time, help us know you better.

If you work outside the home, what do you do? _____

Why are you interested in volunteering? _____

What experience or education, do you have that will help you in this work? _____

Think back to your own experiences of religious education as a child. How would you describe it? What would you like to be same/different for children today? _____

How would people who know you, describe you? _____

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Thank you.