

Faith Formation Catechist: Preschool, Elementary, Junior High

DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY:

The catechist guides a group of children and youth in their faith development through the use of the teachings of the Catholic faith, sharing the Word of God and exemplifying a positive role model as a disciple of Jesus. There is a specific curriculum with a user friendly leader guide for catechists as well as wonderful support from the age level Coordinator. *“Why we teach....share Faith What we teach....curriculum How we teach...by example”*

COMMITMENT:

Training/Inservice: 3–1.5 to 2 hour meetings: Fall, Advent and Lent

Classes: October to May (3 classes a month—we follow Dist. 833
School year calendar with regard to holidays and breaks)

Schedule: Preschool: Sunday AM (during 8:30 & 11:00 masses)

Elementary: Sunday (9:45–10:45) Monday (6:00–7:15pm)

Junior High: Wednesday (6:30–7:45pm)

**We do ask that catechists are here at least 15–20 minutes ahead of classtime to be prepared for classes and students...

Time of service: We ask for a one year (school year) commitment at a time; however, our program encourages and is strengthened by consistency in having experienced catechists each year.

Once you try it you will see how good it is to share our faith with the young people and how much you learn and grow in your faith as well.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS MINISTRY:

- A love of young people and an understanding and belief that each person is made in the image and likeness of God.
- Have an enthusiastic presence and willingness to share your faith.
- Believe deeply in Jesus and the Catholic tradition and share that belief with others.
- Regularly participate in parish worship and be faithful to the Catholic Church.
- Committed to continual personal growth and enrichment.
- Ability to maintain order and to create a welcoming atmosphere conducive to learning and sharing.
- Have strong communication skills with the age group you will be catechizing.

All volunteers are required to have completed the background check, attended a VIRTUS training (a one time commitment) and signed a Code of Conduct. This is in compliance with Archdiocesan parish requirements as part of the Council of Catholic Bishops Charter “Protecting God’s Children and Young People”

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