

Catechist Opportunities & Expectations

All Saints Church is looking for a few good men and women to teach religion classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our faith to children preschool through Grade 10. You do not need to have a college degree in theology to be a catechist – the main qualifications needed are

- a desire to learn more about your Catholic faith and share your knowledge and faith with others
- the willingness to welcome children and youth and walk with them in their faith journey
- participating in weekly liturgy and being in good standing with the Catholic faith

You need not have children currently in FEP classes to be a Catechist. Teens and seniors are very welcome and appreciated as Catechists! Catechist Credit is equal to the cost of FEP tuition for one child.

Expectations of Catechists

Adults

- † All adults 18 and over must have a background check on file or provide necessary information to All Saint's for required check.
- † All Adults 18 and over are required to have attended the Archdiocesan "Protecting God's Children" adult program. (Virtus) before working with students in a classroom.
- † All volunteers in the formation program will be expected to sign a "Code of Conduct" each year.
- † Catechists are expected to have an ongoing commitment to participate each week in the formation program.

Youth

- † Youth under the age of 18 must have two youth character reference forms completed.
- † Youth ages 16-18 will be invited to attend the Archdiocesan "Protecting God's Children" adult session with parental permission.
- † Youth under the age of 16 may help as a Classroom Aide with an adult Lead Catechist.
- † All volunteers in the formation program will be expected to sign a "Code of Conduct" each year.
- † Catechists are expected to have an ongoing commitment to participate each week in the formation program.

Training Expectations for Catechists and Aides

- † Catechists are expected to attend two (2) training sessions.
- † Classroom Aides will need to attend one (1) training session.

Program Opportunities

- † **Program Catechist:** Will take a lead role in assisting the program director in planning, running and teaching the program. This person will assist in the training of Catechists as well as teach in a classroom when necessary. This also may include teaching and presenting to combined classes. This position will receive one (1) Catechist credit.
- † **Program Aide:** Those who would like commit to each week helping the program run smoothly. This may include: classroom or supply assistance to Catechists, troubleshooting, welcoming and directing program participants, and helping with hallway supervision. This position would receive one (1) Catechist credit.
- † **Pilot Catechist:** Will take a lead role in teaching large & small group sessions. Will also assist in planning, implementing, and evaluating pilot components.

Classroom Opportunities

- † **Lead Catechist:** Will take primary responsibility for teaching in the classroom. These Catechists would have a Classroom Aide with them. This position will receive one catechist credit for full year; ½ credit for partial year.
- † **Co-Catechist:** Will share responsibilities for preparing and presenting lessons in the classroom. (We make every effort to have 2 Catechists in the classroom). This position will receive one catechist credit.
- † **Classroom Aide:** Those people wishing to help in the classroom but not able to prepare or present lessons. This position will receive ½ Catechist credit.
- † **Table Leader:** These people will serve as discussion leaders for 8 to 10 students per session. No planning required. This position will receive ½ Catechist credit.

Yes! Please contact me about teaching

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____
Street City/Zip code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I am a (an): Adult Youth (grade Fall 2009) _____

I would like to be:

PROGRAM

- ____ Program Catechist
- ____ Program Aide
- ____ Gr. 10 Pilot Catechist

CLASSROOM

- ____ Lead Catechist
- ____ Co-Catechist
- ____ Classroom Aide
- ____ Gr. 10 Pilot table leaders

I have taught religion before: YES NO If so, what grade? _____

I am available to teach _____ grade, on _____ Nights/Mornings, at _____ time.

If Grades 6- 8, I will teach Fall Winter Spring ALL (please circle)

I would like my child to be in my class YES NO Name _____

If possible I would co- teach with: _____

I would like to receive Catechist Credit YES NO

- **Catechists will not be able to begin teaching until VIRTUS & background checks are completed.**
- If you have already completed your Background Check and have attended a VIRTUS Training, you will receive your credit at registration time.
- If you have not had the opportunity to complete these two requirements, we ask that you register for FEP, sign up to be a catechist, and upon completion of the requirements we will send you a check for your catechist credit.

I have read, understand and agree to the expectations required of a Catechist/Aide at All Saints Parish.

Sign

Date