

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

Catechists are expected to have an ongoing commitment to participate each week in the formation program.

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.

Youth

- † Youth may volunteer in a variety of ways and in a variety of grades. See a program director for specific requirements.
- † 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.
- † All volunteers in the formation program will be expected to sign a "Code of Conduct" each year.

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.
- † **Grade 10 Core 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.
- † **Grade 10 Table Leader:** These people will serve as discussion leaders for 8 to 10 students per session. This position will receive one 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 2011) _____

I would like to be:

PROGRAM

- ___ Program Catechist (PreK-9)
- ___ Program Aide (PreK-9)
- ___ Gr. 10 Core Catechist (pre-approved)

CLASSROOM

- ___ Lead Catechist (PreK-9)
- ___ Co-Catechist (PreK-9)
- ___ Classroom Aide (PreK-5)
- ___ Gr. 10 Table Leader

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

I have previously completed VIRTUS training & a background check 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