

Faith FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Together Parents and Catechists

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2223) clearly states in regards to faith: “Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.” Both by word and example parents are the first role models for their children in living the Christian life.

Essential to the religious formation of our children is participation at Sunday Mass. We ask all parents to value the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays. In addition to this being a source of strength and encouragement to you in these challenging times, your participation in Sunday Mass sets a beautiful example to your children to offer praise and thanks to God for the blessings of life we receive each day. We assist in this holy endeavor through our Religious Education Program that is held each week on Parish grounds.

Why did you become a Catechist? How do you like this ministry? What kind of beauty, joy and challenges do you find in teaching-sharing faith with our students?

A little over two decades ago, I answered a call to share my faith with the children of our parish and the gifts that have flowed from that decision have been abundant. Jesus said “give, and there will be gifts for you” (Luke 6:38), and by saying yes to becoming a catechist, I have received so much more than I have given. Not only have I made connections with families that have shaped my life positively through the years but my faith has also been strengthened and enriched in ways I never could have imagined. I know yours will be too if you answer the call! *Catechist teacher Pam Kelly.*



Being a catechist is a mission, it is a great joy and responsibility at the same time. I have a chance to serve the Lord, to speak, share the faith on behalf of Jesus. I experience a lot of joy and also increase my own relationship with Jesus, when I talk about Him to others. “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; (Lk 10:2). I also see the need of today’s church and take this call personally seeing still a lot of students in our parish and a need of many catechists. *Catechist and Director of Faith Formation. Chris Gos*



Please join with a great team of Catechists. We need more Teachers:
“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; (Lk 10:2).
It is responsibility and service but also joy and adventure in faith.

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