

Discipleship
Volunteer Catechist
Job Description

A catechist is one who has a love for his/her faith and a desire to share that faith with others. A catechist of the Discipleship program walks with the young people of our parish, introducing them to the doctrine, rituals and prayers of our Church. Together, catechist and students discover more of who God is and develop a relationship with God through the Church.

Qualities

- a desire to grow in and share the Catholic faith.
- an awareness of God's grace and the desire to respond to that grace.
- a commitment to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life and moral teachings.
- a strength of character built on patience, responsibility, confidence, and creativity.
- a generosity of spirit, respect for diversity, and a habit of hospitality and inclusion.

Knowledge and Skills

- a basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Catholic Tradition.
- honest and caring relationships with the age group being served.
- effective teaching techniques and strategies.

Responsibilities

- Complete initial training or formation.
- Complete Virtus training.
- Commit to teaching 24-26 sessions.
- Commit to ongoing formation.

Weekly Time Commitments

- Time in preparation for class lessons.
- Time with students
- Time to evaluate lesson effectiveness

Clerical

- Keep accurate attendance records
- Complete end year reports
- Grading (tests, homework, etc.)

Communication

- Communicate with the DRE.
- Become acquainted with individual participants.
- Communicate with parents about child's progress and/or behavior when needed.

Training

- Formation session with DRE
- Franciscan At Home Institute (highly encouraged)