



FIDES – Faith Formation Opportunities to Serve

On Wednesdays

Catechist – What is a catechist? VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling for formal recognition of “those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis,” Pope Francis has instituted the “ministry of catechist.”

“The Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Christian faith,” the pope wrote in “Antiquum Ministerium” (Ancient Ministry), his document released at the Vatican May 11.

A catechist is a person of faith called to hand on the living tradition and teachings of the Catholic Church. To be faithful to this sacred calling, a catechist studies church doctrine, develops appropriate teaching skills and nurtures his or her spiritual life and personal faith formation.

We need catechists to hand on the faith to:

- Children—PreK (4 year olds) through 6th Graders. 4:30-5:30 or 6:45-7:45—1st & 3rd Wednesdays
 - Includes Sacrament Preparation for 2nd Graders—preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- Middle School—7th & 8th Graders—6:00-8:00pm—Weekly
- High School—9-12th Graders. 6:00-8:00pm—Weekly
 - High School SPY—St. Patrick Youth. Leading students in better understanding what it means to be Catholic and live the faith in service and worship.
 - High School Confirmation Preparation—We need those who love the Sacrament of Confirmation and want to inspire Confirmation Candidates to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These classes will be set up on Sundays for 2 hours. 2 sessions in the fall and 2 sessions in the spring.
 - High School Discipleship—Catechists who will mentor and guide teens who have been confirmed and want to be formed as a Disciple to grow in and live their Catholic Faith through worship and service.

Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children—5:45-6:45 on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. For children older than 3rd grade who have not been baptized or are baptized but have not received Holy Communion. These children have not had any formal faith formation and are mostly just beginning their faith journey. It is a two year process of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (if they are not baptized), 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist.

Parent Mentor Ministry—Spanish and English speaking

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- We began a new ministry last year. Parent Mentors who lead small groups of parents in understanding their faith at a deeper level, so that they can better lead their families in faith at home. We separate the parents into 3 basic groups of 4 or 5 families.
 - Parents of those receiving Sacraments in the current year (Eucharist and/or Confirmation).
 - Parents whose children are continuing faith formation outside Sacrament Preparation.
 - Parents with families whose children span Elementary—Middle School—High School.
- *What is needed to be a Parent Mentor? The same as all Catechists. You love God and can facilitate conversations (training included) with parents to listen to the Word of God and reflect on what God is calling them to do.*

Hospitality

Help prepare a light dinner/snack for Quest/RCIC and/or SPY as well as Sanctus—our family night program.

The times for serving the food will be from:

- 5:30-6:45 on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
- 6:00-6:30ish for 4th Wednesdays (Just teens)
- 6-7pm for 2nd Wednesdays, Sanctus—Pot Luck Style

Child care for those under 4 years old on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

- 4:30-5:30
- 5:45-6:45
- 6:45-7:45

Teams for coordinating Sanctus nights—Spanish and English

This is still being worked out.

- Laetare nights—August, December, January and May—To begin with we need people who like to do Socials, lead games (like Bingo), help create games for all ages and be able to engage all ages.
- ACTS 2:42 nights—September, November, February and April—help set up and support theme of the evening to help engage all ages. For example the theme in September will be “Domestic Church, Households of Faith”. Working with the guest speaker, we will have materials ready for the parishioners to take home and create their own prayer space. Understand the Liturgical Calendar and seasons of the Church, as well as other ways we live our faith in the homes (again, depending on the Speaker). We want to engage all ages and Household types from our Sophias (Seniors), empty nesters, young adults: single and married, families with children in the home, single parent families, grandparents, etc.
- Pange Lingua Nights (October and March) - Help set up for our Worship night.