

VOLUNTEER CATECHIST (TEACHER) APPLICATION

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**We NEED VOLUNTEERS! The In Person classes cannot happen without volunteers!
There are only 20 classes (and one meeting for you to pick-up all your information) for you to attend!**

You can teach alone, you can teach with a friend (you can both come to class or take turns), you can teach with your high-schooler or your children's grandparent! You can encourage family members to volunteer! If you teach the grade your child is in, you may choose to have your child in class with you or not, whatever works best!

If you are looking at this application and wondering if this is right for you – you may not know it, but we do! You are ready for this opportunity! So try it and see for yourself – you can make a difference!

Testimonials

I am so grateful to be a part of the St. Paul catechesis program. As my children were all enrolled in the program, I decided to volunteer as a catechist, which provided me with the opportunity to share and educate the students about our Catholic faith. Being with the students and teaching them our Catholic faith has allowed me to share my knowledge and also witness their love for learning about Jesus. As my children grew up and received their sacraments, I chose to continue to stay involved with catechesis. This rewarding experience has also given me a sense of belonging to the St. Paul of the Cross Community. During my many years with the Catechesis program, I have been blessed with many new friendships that will last a lifetime.
~ Celene Jaconetti

I have been blessed by all the kids I have taught over the years. I am certain they have taught me more than I have taught them! Teaching CCD class has helped me to know my Catholic faith better. One of the greatest compliments I ever received was when the mother of a student of mine said she wanted to come find out why her daughter was having so much fun in our class. And the next year she became a Catechist herself. You know you are making a difference when the student asks if you will be their teacher next year!

When you give of yourself you cannot help but be blessed in return.
Thanks for the opportunity and for blessing me. ~ Dan Pietroske

I began volunteering when my oldest children finished second grade and I have been a 2nd grade catechesis ever since. Out of all the volunteering I have done over the years for my three children and the community, being a catechist is the most rewarding. I have been so blessed to watch so many children make their First Reconciliation and First Communion. This Fall, I will be entering my 14th year of teaching 2nd grade in the CCD program and I look forward to it. Anna Mae, Jackie and Lisanne are an amazing support system that make it easy to teach and allow us to use our own talents and gifts to help the children learn. Liz Cataudella

Our faith is a gift we got from our parents and families and it is the greatest gift that you can give your kids. Say "yes"!

Look over the materials ahead of time, but expect to pivot: have an activity ready and a game up your sleeve, but be ready for the questions that lead to discussions. Assuring the kids that depending on the Lord and the Church can relieve their confused and anxious young minds.

The work is simple: introduce the Lord and how to communicate with him and consider yourself to be a student along beside the children in need of that very same thing. Faith deepens and develops thru prayer and service to others and when the children witness your service and presence to the CCD program, our Church grows stronger. ~ Alexis Migon

I volunteer for my grandkids Leah and Jace that hopefully my weekly presence will reinforce in them by my support of living a Faith filled life. ~Carol Welton

It is difficult to focus on one good experience or lesson from both Teaching and Coordinating in St. Paul's CCD program. I am thankful to everyone running the program and those I volunteer with for all they have helped and taught me. They are the Best!

This year, however, I enjoyed preparing 4th graders as they waited in the hallway to do their Reconciliation during their Tuesday class time. Dealing with the emotions that flowed was both entertaining and honest. ~Kathy Clemmensen

When we were talking about how Jesus stood up for those who were treated unkindly or unfairly, I was surprised by how many social advocates my 2nd graders knew-- they commented on how Jesus stood up for what was right even when that was frowned upon and then they started likening Him to American social justice crusaders. Not just Harriet Tubman either but people I didn't expect 2nd graders to all know that well-- Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, etc. ~ Mary Poole

I love being a CCD Aide to help bring our children closer to Jesus and grow in their faith as Catholics. ~Liana Madura

I enjoyed volunteering with third graders, as they ask such good pointed questions regarding the holy trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They are really keeping God the Father on his toes! ~Maura Collins

I volunteer to be a Catechesis Aide simply because I enjoy doing it! Having this opportunity to help my church and community brings back wonderful memories of my own upbringing in the Catholic faith. It gives me a sense of pride to see the students' smiling faces, even on those early Sunday mornings! I hope I'm helping to inspire them to continue to learn about their faith, and guiding them to receive their sacraments. ~Anna Fioravanti

VOLUNTEER NAME: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

I have been Confirmed I am in High School entering grade _____ I am 18 years or older
 I have children attending Catechesis classes this year Names/Grades _____

I will need FREE babysitting, on Tuesday Afternoons, for my younger child(ren) names/age(s) _____

CHOOSE	DAY/TIME	GRADE
#1 – Grades 1 thru 8 Sunday 8:45 – 10:15 am	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
#2 – Grades 1 thru 5 Tuesday Afternoon 4:00 – 5:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
#3 – Grades 6 & 7 & 8 Tuesday Evening 7:00 – 8:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

If you'd like to co-teach please write name & email of co-teacher below

Requests are filled according to availability. You will be contacted over the summer. Questions? Call us at 847-692-2758