

## Faith Formation Shared Ministry Descriptions

Families are encouraged to assist in faith formation ministries. Use the following descriptions to help you decide which ministry best fits your time and talents. Check your choice on the front of this form. \* The asterisk after an opportunity means that a background check and a VIRTUS training session are necessary to volunteer in this area.

### Sunday School

**Catechist:** \*Minister to a group of 8 children for 20 sessions using supplied lessons and materials. Attend catechist trainings and enrichment sessions.

**Student Helper:** Assist catechist and children as needed.

**Substitute Catechist:** \*Catechist support in case of illness or absence.

**Office Helper:** \*Assist with projects and set-up supplies.

### Elementary and Middle School

**Lead Catechist:**\* Work with program coordinator and catechists of a specific grade level in implementing lessons for 25 sessions on selected evening for 1 ½ hr. Attend catechist trainings and enrichment sessions.

**Small Group Catechist:**\* Minister to a group of 6-7 children/youth for 25 sessions on selected evening for 1 ½ hr., using prepared lessons. Attend catechist trainings and enrichment sessions.

**Substitute Catechist:**\* Be available, sometimes on short notice, to substitute for a catechist.

**Office Helper:** Assist in formation room with projects, hand out supplies, pick-up attendance forms and make phone calls.

**Childcare Aid:**\* Arrive 15 minutes prior to session time. Entertain and care for the children of catechists for a 1 ½ hrs.

**Evening Prayer Leader:** Please see Chris if interested in volunteering for this ministry.

**Evening Prayer Cantor or Musician:** Please see Chris if interested in volunteering for these ministries.

**Special Event Helper:** Plan and assist with the preparation, set-up, clean-up, and/or assist children/youth for a special event.

### RCIA for Children and Youth

**Breaking Open the Word Facilitator:**\* Reflect with the youth on the readings of the day, facilitate growth in knowledge and understanding of Scripture, and facilitate connection of Scripture to everyday living for 1 hour approximately 2 Sundays a month.

**Session Leader:**\* Lead the session with materials and support provided by the Coordinator on 1 or 2 Sundays from 9:00-11:00 am.

**Session Assistant:**\* Assist the Session Leader. Help with set-up and/or clean-up, greet and support the participants.

**Sponsor/Companion Family:**\* Commitment is two Sundays per month. Provides support to the children and parent(s) of one RCIA family, and attends RCIA Sessions, rites and retreats with the family.

**Seamstress:** Sew baptismal gowns, cloths for home prayer spaces, etc, as needed.

### Vacation Bible School

**Crew Leader:**\* Lead a crew of 5 children through VBS stations.

**Childcare Assistant:**\* Care for volunteers children during program.

**Snack Prep Assistant:**\* Help Station Leaders prep for children.

**Clean-Up Helper:** Must be available on August 7<sup>th</sup>, time flexible.

**Dinner Server/ Clean Up:** Help at the family supper.

**Family Night Activity Coordinator:** Choose activities for children and coordinate prizes and volunteer needs.

**Videographer – Photographer:**\* Photograph and/or video record VBS events.

### Family Night Out

**Creative Input Member:** Serve with a creative group to help plan "Family Nights Out."

**Hospitality Helper:** Arrive 15 minutes before event begins to greet families. Help serve refreshments.

**Set-up Helper:** Assist in setting up for Family Night Out event.

**Clean-up Helper:** Remain after event to help clean up.

### First Reconciliation

**Learning Center Helper:** Assist once a year in October at this event for our families. Tasks include greeting families, offering directions, stocking/straightening tables and assisting as needed.

**Celebration/Reception Helper:** Assist once a year in November at the Reconciliation Celebrations. Tasks include setting up/serving hospitality to those families participating.

### First Eucharist

**Learning Center Helper:** Assist once a year in February at this event for our families. Tasks include greeting families, offering directions, stocking/straightening tables and assisting as needed.

**Retreat/Ice Cream Social Helper:** Assist once a year in March. Tasks include setting up/serving hospitality to those families participating.

**Mass Greeter:** Greet families and get them seated/settled for the celebration. First Communion weekends are the end of April and beginning of May.

### High School

**Teens In Action Catechist:**\* Lead a small group of youth through approximately 5 prepared lessons, plan 5 group service projects, and guide your small group through a day long retreat each year. Attend catechist trainings and enrichment sessions. (This is typically a three year commitment.)

**Small Group Formation Catechist:**\* Lead a small group of youth through prepared lessons, plan a group service project, and guide your group through a day long retreat each year. Attend catechist trainings and enrichment sessions. (This is typically a three year commitment.)

**9-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Formation Hall Monitor/ Greeter:**\* Arrive 15 minutes prior to the sessions on Sunday evenings and assist in maintaining orderly conduct in hallways, bathrooms, and the gathering space during the sessions.

**9-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Substitute Catechist:**\* Be available to substitute for catechists when they are not able to attend on Sunday evenings.

**9-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Office Helper:** Arrive 15 minutes before class and assist with projects and hand out supplies.

**Large Group Event Helper:** Act as a greeter and assist in other ways at the large group events on certain Sunday evenings.

**Retreat Lunch Helper:** Help prepare, serve and clean-up lunch at our high school retreats.

### Other

**Registration Helper:** Assist in the registration process during on-site registration times.

**Photographer:**\* Photograph formation events.

**Baker:** Supply cookies, bars etc. for formation events. Bakers will be contacted when needed.

**Special Event Kitchen Helper:** Provide support in kitchen, preparing, set-up, serving, and clean-up for special formation events.

**Musician – vocalist-instrumentalist:**\* Share your talents for formation events as needed.

**Foreign Language:** Able to speak another language fairly well, if needed, as our formation programs continue to grow and expand.

### Youth Ministry Opportunities

**Summer Stretch Information:** See Chris Belanger

**Middle School Madness Information:** See Jamie Schlough

**Remaining Opportunities:** See Becky Phillips

