

Faith Formation Catechist and Mentor Information

2021-2022

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a catechist or mentor for the St. John the Baptist Faith Formation Program! In this position you will walk with youth to deepen their knowledge of authentic Catholic Church teachings. Most importantly, you will help your students **grow in relationship with God**, furthering their understanding of how much **He loves us**, and how we can *respond* to His love.

These are the essentials of each position:

Catechist (1-5): Teaches a class with an aide in the room for support. Teaching materials and basic lesson plan outlines are provided.

Substitute Catechist (1-5): Teaches a class when a catechist is unavailable.

Co-Catechist (1-5): Works with one other co-catechist to teach a class. Both people are sharing the workload. Teaching materials and basic lesson plan outlines are provided.

Substitute Co-Catechist (1-5): Co-teaches a class when one co-catechist is unavailable

Aide (1-5): Supports the catechist as needed during class. Examples may include taking kids to the bathroom, making sure they are paying attention, handing out supplies, helping with demonstrations, etc.

Substitute Aide (1-5): Stands in as a support person when an aide is unavailable.

Hall Assistant (1-5): Serves as an extra pair of hands eager to help as needed while classes are in session. Responsibilities may include sitting with a discontent child, answering the Faith Formation phone, providing basic first aid, etc.

Substitute Hall Assistant (1-5): Provides general support when a hall assistant is unavailable.

Middle School Mentor (6-8): Leads a small group (generally 6-10 co-ed students) in discussion after a large-group lesson taught by the Faith Formation Coordinator or other designated presenter. Discussion questions and small group leader training is provided.

Substitute Middle School Mentor (6-8): Stands in as a mentor of co-ed students when a mentor is unavailable.

High School Mentor: Leads a small group (generally 6-10 students) in discussion following a large-group lesson taught by the Faith Formation Coordinator or other designated presenter. Small groups are either all-female with female mentors or all-male with male mentors. Discussion questions and small group leader training is provided.

Substitute High School Mentor: Stands in as a mentor of students when a mentor is unavailable.

Please select as many options as you are interested in. **Catechists and mentors receive a \$75 discount on their family's Faith Formation registration.** We welcome you to share this opportunity to serve our youth with your family, friends, and other members of our faith community!

Faith Formation Catechist and Mentor Registration 2021-2022

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Baptism Month/Day: _____

Circle all that apply for the following questions:

Grade Preference(s): 1 2 3 4 5 Middle School High School

Position Preference(s):

Catechist	Co-catechist	Aide
Substitute Catechist	Substitute Co-catechist	Substitute Aide
Hall Assistant	Middle School Mentor	High School Mentor
Substitute Hall Assistant	Substitute Middle School Mentor	Substitute High School Mentor

Day Preference(s): Monday (1-5) Wednesday (1-5) Wednesday (6-8) Sunday (High School)

How many years of experience do you have as a catechist, mentor, or religion teacher?

Are you VIRTUS trained? If not, you will need to complete online training before September 8th. VIRTUS is a requirement all parish staff and volunteers must fulfill prior to working with children. Please visit https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/virtus_description.cfm for more information about what VIRTUS is and why it matters.

____ Yes, I have completed VIRTUS training in the Diocese of Green Bay

____ No, I will complete online training before September 8th

Why do you want to be a volunteer for the program?

What topic about the Catholic faith do you most enjoy talking about?

Do you have any questions? Contact the Faith Formation department at 920-434-2145 Ext. 206

Our Faith Formation Team is excited to have you join us — thank you for committing to form our youth!