



NEW CATECHIST COMMITMENT FORM 2008-2009

(First come --- First assigned)

NAME: ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP: EMAIL: PHONES(home): (work): (cell/pager): (fax):

OFFICE USE ONLY. DATE RECEIVED: POSITION: DAY: TIME: CHILDREN IN PROGRAM: S&S COMPLETION: VOL. MANUAL RECEIPT: CODE OF CONDUCT RCPT: BACKGROUND CHECK: ABLE TO USE: CATECHIST CREDIT:

May we call you at work? YES NO Have you completed the initial Safe and Sacred Places training? YES NO

PLEASE CHECK THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE:

Elementary (Grades K - 5)

- Catechist Co-Catechist Catechist Assistant Substitute Catechist

- a. Co-Catechist (CO) wanted? b. Catechist Assistant (CA) wanted? c. Assist with the following Catechist: d. Grade Level: 1st Choice 2nd Choice e. Time Preference: Wednesday 5:00-6:10pm Wednesday 6:30-7:40pm

Note: You will be assigned to the same time your child(ren) is (are) assigned to unless otherwise requested.

Middle School (Grades 6 - 8)

- Catechist (can Host group) Catechist (cannot Host group)

Note: Middle School grades are mixed together. Normal Group Meeting Time: Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30pm Co-Catechist or Assistant is required.

Senior High (Grades 9-11)

- Catechist (can Host group) Catechist (cannot Host group)

Note: Senior High is a 3 year commitment to walk with a group of teens from freshman year through the group's celebration of Confirmation in their junior year. Normal Group Meeting Time: Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30pm Co-Catechist or Assistant is required.

The above choices reflect my 2008-2009 commitment to the catechetical ministry in the Faith Formation process at St. Patrick Catholic Community.

(Signature) (Date)

# Brief Role Descriptions

## Elementary

### Catechist (do it by yourself):

The Catechist conducts, coordinates, and organizes catechesis and catechetical experiences in the context of an elementary formation setting. You will prepare weekly faith experiences for a group of elementary age young people. Catechists are provided with organized and easy to follow lesson plans and a wealth of additional resources for making the experience your own. Regular and individualized in-service opportunities are provided.

### Co-catechist (do it with a friend):

A Co-Catechist collaborates with another catechist in conducting, coordinating, and organizing catechesis in elementary faith formation. Twice the fun. Twice the creativity. You will each receive all the same resources and support as a regular catechist. Co-Catechists may occasionally be called on to substitute for a sick catechist.

### Substitute Catechist (do it when you can):

A substitute Catechist fills in for regular catechists who are unavailable due to job, personal, or health issues. This role is ideal for someone with catechetical experience who is willing to help out when their schedule permits. The commitment to this role is to simply be available to be called by our office and fill in when you can.

### Catechist Assistant (do it for someone else):

The Catechist Assistant is a variable role. The catechist assistant may work for a catechist to assist in, conducting, preparing and/or organizing a specific catechetical activity or they may serve as an assistant to an individual young person during the session.

## Middle School and Senior High

### Catechist (can Host group):

A Host Catechist collaborates with another Catechist in conducting, coordinating, and organizing catechesis in the context of small group faith sharing model of instruction. The sessions are conducted in the Host Catechist's home as part of the parish's three year Confirmation preparation process. The catechist also attends gathered activities in youth ministry on nights when their group would otherwise meet.

### Catechist (cannot Host group):

The role is the same as for the Host Catechist, except, the group does not use the Catechist's home as a meeting place. Group generally will meet at the other catechist's home or at the home of one of the group members.