

Brief Role Descriptions

In general . . .

Our teachers or spiritual guides in the Faith Formation process are called Catechists. Catechists not only teach the curriculum but they share their faith and love for the Lord with the young people in their groups. This contribution goes far beyond teaching the simple facts about our religion to being an authentic adult Christian role model from whom faith can be “caught.”

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 – even if it is only once or twice a year.

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.



**NEW CATECHIST
APPLICATION FORM 2011-2012**

(First come --- First assigned)

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONES (evening): _____

(day): _____ (is this): home cell work
 If work, may we call you at work? YES NO

Have you completed the initial *Safe and Sacred Places* training? YES NO
 (If not at St. Patrick please include a copy of your certificate)

Please check the position for which you would like to serve:

ELEMENTARY Classroom (Grades K - 5)

Catechist Co-Catechist Catechist Assistant Substitute Catechist

a. Co-Catechist (CO) wanted? ___ Yes ___ No (CO's Name: _____)

b. Catechist Assistant (CA) wanted? ___ Yes ___ No (CA's Name: _____)

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 Small Group (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. (CO or Assistant's Name (if known): _____)

SENIOR HIGH Small Group (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. (CO or Assistant's Name (if known): _____)

***The above choices reflect my willingness to serve in Formation Ministries
 at St. Patrick Catholic Community for 2011-2012.***

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DATE RECEIVED: _____
 POSITION: _____
 DAY: _____ TIME: _____
 CHILDREN IN PROGRAM: YES NO
 S&S COMPLETION: YES NO
 VOL. MANUAL RECEIPT: YES NO
 CODE OF CONDUCT RCPT: YES NO
 BACKGROUND CHECK: YES NO
 ABLE TO USE: YES NO
 CATECHIST CREDIT: _____

 (Signature)

_____/_____/_____
 (Date)