

“To help children, boys and girls, young men and women, and adults to know and love the Lord ever more is one of the most beautiful educational adventures, for it comprises the Church!” ~ Pope Francis

In order for our faith formation program to run smoothly, many hands and minds are needed to reach out to others. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in various ways. When you help the youngest, you build the Church!

All volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults are required to attend a Protecting God’s Children workshop, (please provide us with a copy of your certificate), complete an application with at least two references we can contact, and allow us to run a background check every five years, prior to volunteering. This is consistent across the Diocese and allows us to be compliant with the Safe Environment policy and the charter established by the USCCB.

(see <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ct/sectioncontent.php?secid=13> for more info)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Type: _____ Secondary Phone: _____ Type: _____

I would like to volunteer for the following position:

Grade Levels: _____
If Applicable

RE Session: _____
If Applicable

_____ Catechists

Catechists share their faith with the children of the parish. You do not need to be a professional teacher to facilitate the class, as lesson plans are designed by competent and dedicated CORE teachers. We will provide you with the information you need to share your faith with the children. Time commitment: initial catechetical training, weekly sessions, two grade level and faith formation building sessions, 6 hours of continuing education (of which initial training, and two grade level meetings provide a part of)

_____ Substitutes

Substitute Catechists may choose a grade level and time of their preference. We are always in need of the secondary support substituting provides. Time commitment: initial catechetical training, and a willingness to pre-read the session you will be subbing for.

_____ Class Room Aides

Class room aides may be high school aged and older. CRAs assist the catechist with various tasks including prayer practice and giving extra attention to those students who may need an extra hand. Time commitment: weekly sessions, contact with primary catechist.

_____ Office Assistants

Office Assistants help with attendance, phone calls, and recording students who get pulled early from RE. They may be asked to do some light office work on occasions. Time commitment: weekly sessions, or, at your convenience, other flexible hours to help set up classrooms.

_____ CHRISTOS Companions

CHRISTOS Companions work with our special needs children who are aged 5-18. This is a one on one program that meets 12 times a year generally every other Saturday October-April from 3:00-4:30.

_____ Godparents for the Companion Program

Married couples or adult volunteers to work with small groups of high school teens providing faith sharing experiences as they explore their Catholic faith. Time commitment: training sessions, 14 small group gathering per year.

Other: Parking lot attendants: _____ Occasional retreats help: _____ Mass Coordinators: _____