

## **ROLE of the CATECHIST/SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR**

The catechist/facilitator has four tasks to keep in mind as they meet with their students.

- They proclaim God's Word, incarnated in Jesus Christ, and teach the basic beliefs and traditions of the Church.
- They build community by working to unite those they teach in a trusting, caring community with the larger Church and world communities.
- They lead those they catechize to prayer opportunities in class and to prayerful lives which include participation in liturgical worship.
- They attempt to inspire and enable those they catechize to become more compassionate, reaching out to people who are hurting and to become more actively involved in works of social justice and peacemaking.

### **ELEMENTARY: PRESCHOOL– 5th GRADE:**

- Be willing to volunteer 1¼ hours per week to class time and adequate preparation time for preparing the lesson.
- Be willing to attend catechist meetings periodically and grade level meetings during the year.
- Be willing to work with grade level Master Catechist for large group events.
- Be present for all large group events 15 minutes ahead of time. Be willing to help supervise and assist where needed at the event.
- **PRESCHOOL:** Be ready to teach 15 minutes before each Mass and to clean up afterwards if needed.

### **JUNIOR HIGH: 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE: (For 7<sup>th</sup> grade see blue sheet)**

- Be willing to volunteer on the average of 1½ hours per lesson plus preparation time, twice a month.
- Attend large group meeting approximately once a month.
- Be willing to attend facilitator meetings and occasional facilitator training workshops.

### **HIGH SCHOOL: CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:**

- Be willing to make a 2-year commitment to the Confirmation preparation experience.
- Be willing to prepare adequately for each of the small community gathering times and for each large group gathering throughout the year.
- Be committed to attend facilitator-training workshops and large group gatherings.
- Be willing to participate with your small community at Confirmation preparatory retreat and service projects.

Placement of children will be prioritized as follows:

- Catechist/facilitator's children
- Catechist/ facilitator requesting particular students
- **We will not hold spots** for late registrants.

Catechists/facilitators will receive \$100 discount per family. If you choose to waive this discount, it will be recorded as stewardship. Team teaching/facilitating requires both catechists to be present at all classes.