

Religious Education Volunteer Form

There are many ways that you can be involved with our Religious Education program, and none of them require that you are an expert in theology. In fact, sometimes you can learn something better by teaching it. We have ample opportunities with young children, middle school students, and high school teenagers. If you have a willing heart and a small amount of time to give, you can make a huge difference in the lives of our youth.

Below is a list of ministries with descriptions of each one on the back of this form. After reading through them, please mark any of the areas you feel you may like to volunteer.

- Classroom Catechist - Grades K-8: Sunday (7-8) Tuesday (K-6)
 Wednesday (K-6)
- Classroom/Office Aide (Sunday; Tuesday; Wednesday)
- Childcare for Catechists' Children (Sunday; Tuesday; Wednesday)
- Substitute Catechist (Sunday; Tuesday; Wednesday)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:00 am Mass)
- Children's Pre-K Liturgy of the Word (10:00 am Mass)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Aide (10:00 am Mass)
- Confirmation Team
- Vacation Bible School Team (June, 2020)
- High School Youth Ministry Team
- CELEBRATE Team
- Adult Faith Formation

Name _____ Adult (over 18) Student Grade _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Thank you for considering being involved with our Religious Education ministries. Please remember, we adhere to the Diocese of Youngstown policy for Child Protection and fingerprinting for those over 18 years of age. We are here to help you throughout your ministry. If you are new to the Religious Education program, we will be with you every step of the way!

Please return completed form to Holy Family Church, 2729 Center Rd., Poland, OH 44514
Questions can be directed to Marnie Kelty, MKelty@youngstowndiocese.org, 330-757-1545 Ext. 24.

Ministry Descriptions

Catechist and Substitute Catechist: Your task is to teach our Catholic faith tradition, abided by the Diocesan and Parish curriculum and Child Protection Policy guidelines. Sharing faith involves both bookwork and hands-on learning. You must be at least 18 years of age, willing to work with other people, attend Mass weekly, and be willing to continue your own faith formation.

Classroom/Office aide: Students and adults are welcome to assist with attendance, special events, office work, traffic flow of students, and to manage the classroom.

Childcare for the children of Catechists and Office Aides: People who teach and help out may need adults to supervise their children while they are in the classroom or at an activity. These adults will have youth aides to help them. This service will be available during all sessions provided that we have enough volunteers.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. Children are dismissed from the church and go to the chapel. The role of the Children's Liturgy Catechist is to utilize the provided resources to explain the Gospel message and all other dimensions of the Liturgy of the Word to the children in terms they will understand. This takes approximately 20 minutes. The children range in ages from first grade through third grade. Children's Liturgy of the Word for pre-school (ages 3 through Kindergarten) is held in the Bride's Room.

Confirmation Team: Along with a retreat, Confirmation candidates have sessions outside of their regular religious education time. Adults are needed to chaperone and to help facilitate small group discussions.

Vacation Bible School Team: Hands-on activities for children in Kindergarten through fourth grade. We are looking for student helpers in grades eight through twelve. This is a great community service opportunity! Planners, crafters, kitchen helpers, center leaders, team leaders, etc., are also needed.

Youth Ministry Team: Adults (over 21 years old) to work with students in ninth through twelfth grades. Center leaders, chaperones, music ministers, etc., are needed.

CELEBRATE Team: Adults (over 21 years old) are invited to help facilitate the CELEBRATE Retreat Weekend by forming the senior team and helping with the weekend.

Adult Faith Formation: Help is needed in planning and leading events sponsored by Holy Family Parish and co-sponsored with other parishes and/or organizations.