



One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time....

Our Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 22nd and we need your help. We are in need of catechists and aides to help make our program a success! Our classes meet on Sundays (September – April), in between Masses, from 9:45-10:45 AM. We provide all the materials and training you'll need. Please take a few moments and read the 'Reasons To Be A Catechist.'

REASONS TO BE A CATECHIST (reflections from seasoned catechists).

- 1. Help Nourish the Faith of Children...**
"The most important reason to get involved is so that we can help nourish the faith in children. If we don't get involved, who will teach them and prepare them to be active members in the parish as they grow?"
- 2. Meet Wonderful People...**
"If all I did was come to Mass, all I would know would be faces in the crowd."
"If you don't have children in the program, it is a great way to meet other spiritual people and become more involved in the activities and community of the parish."
- 3. Grow In Faith & Learn...**
"The time spent on preparing the lesson is time spent reflecting on your own faith and knowledge."
"It is very faith enriching for us to look at the weekly readings from a child's point of view. Sometimes even adults take it in better when given simplistically."
- 4. It is a Rewarding Experience...**
"I used to think that I am not the one who should be teaching since I felt that I didn't know 'all the answers'. But it really is a learning experience for me as well as them. And it's okay to not know some of the answers-you praise them for a good question and tell them you'll return next week with an answer."
- 5. Help Improve Your Catholic Parenting...**
"Teaching our parish children provides the experience of learning how our young folk perceive the world and the Catholic faith as well as an opportunity to share the values and beliefs that our faith teaches us."
"I have learned a lot about parenting and raising my own children in the Catholic faith through becoming a better Catechist."
- 6. Be Good at Something...**
"I started teaching because I had to drop off the kids anyway, so I thought I'd might as well help out. Then I realized that not only did I enjoy teaching, but I was actually good at it!"
- 7. Be Involved...**
"I wanted to stay involved in my child's education and teaching was a great way to do it."
"Teaching in the Religious Education Program helps me be more involved in not only my children's education, but also in the church in general."
"A church cannot survive without its parishioners working together for its success."
- 8. Have a Say...**
"I want to be part of the process of motivating people to work on that friendship with God at an early age."
- 9. Do Something You Enjoy...**
"I enjoy working with kids and being with my son."
"It was an excellent way to get involved and it was fun!"
- 10. Be Surprised...**
"I was skeptical about what 4 & 5 year olds could take from RE. I was surprised! It's so important to start them out as friends & hopefully they will continue thru the RE program together."

If you'd like more information on our Religious Education programs or how you can become a volunteer, please call Marisa Cupps at 804-329-0473 or email at mcupps@saintpaulscc.com.