

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN PREP

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Essential to the success of the Parish Religious Education Program - PREP, is having a dedicated group of adult and young adult volunteers willing to help and nurture our faith with our young people of the parish. While it is already known that parents/guardians are the primary teachers in the ways of faith, Catechists share in a special ministry of the Church. It is the goal of our program to teach children to grow in faith, knowledge, service, and prayer and love of God.

While many families will be registering for their children to participate in our PREP classes, this will only happen as the adult members of our parish and PREP classes step forward, so that together we can make a difference and grow in faith, grace, and wisdom before God.

Catechists require dedication, commitment and time which many of us have already given to this ministry. We pray for God's blessings upon the many people who have already devoted and sacrificed themselves to the call and challenge to continue the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. At times we may even feel that it should be left to others and yet we give of ourselves to many of the other activities and life experiences of our children, but somehow not when it comes to "church" things. Yet, not everyone is able to be a Catechist at this time, I know that it can be said with confidence how much other parents appreciate the efforts of Catechists teaching their children.

Please consider offering your time and yourself as a Catechist. Maybe you and someone you know might even consider sharing the experience together and team teach. Volunteer forms are available for you should you feel that you are ready to say "yes" or know of someone who you would consider being a person of faith that you would love to see share faith with your children. An explanation for Protecting God's Children workshop is included with this form. You may note the program success also includes parental involvement in other areas such as substitute, hall monitor, parking lot, office areas and general safety.

Let us continue to pray for many adults to support this endeavor as we continue to help our young people and ourselves to come to a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you,

Rev. John Rozembajgier, JCL Administrator

Sr. Phyllis Vella, MPF Director of Religious Education



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Volunteer Form 2018-2019

(Grades 1-8 Program for Monday/Thursday)

All volunteers must attend a Protecting God's Children training workshop prior to assisting in the program

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