

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

## *Faith Formation*

### Catechist Job Description

We are seeking **volunteer catechists** for the children of Holy Rosary Parish. **This role in catechesis is irreplaceable!** Because of this vital service to the people of God, catechists have a great responsibility to pass on the Catholic faith and the Good News of Jesus Christ in a limited amount of time.

In discerning the call to be a catechist, the two most important necessities are (1) that you are a baptized and practicing Catholic at least 18 years of age and (2) that you support the needs and desires of the pastor in charge of our parish.

The **key to success is, first of all, your witness.** As Pope Paul VI expressed in his encyclical *Evangelization in the Modern World*, “**modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.**” In order to exhibit this witness, you have to have a strong foundation, one rooted in the sacraments.

**Positive qualities in candidates** should be (*Guide for Catechists*, 18):

- Faith that manifests itself in their piety and daily life
- Love for the Church and communion with its pastors
- Apostolic spirit and missionary zeal
- Love for their brothers and sisters and a willingness to give generous service
- Sufficient education
- The respect of the community
- The human, moral and technical qualities necessary for the work of a catechist, such as dynamism, good relations with others, etc.

The **six tasks of catechesis** are fundamental in helping to know, to celebrate, and to contemplate the mystery of Christ (*General Directory for Catechesis*, 85-86):

1. Promoting knowledge of the faith: *nourish the life of faith and equip to explain it*
2. Liturgical education: *celebrate the full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy*
3. Moral formation: *undertake a journey of interior transformation*
4. Teaching to pray: *assume the attitude of prayer and contemplation which Jesus had*
5. Education for community life: *call for the spirit of simplicity and humility, solicitude for the least among the brethren, care for those who are alienated, fraternal correction, mutual forgiveness*
6. Missionary initiation: *equip Christians to be present as witnesses in society*

## Catechist for the Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program

### **Job Description:**

- Sharing in the mission work of the Church by walking in faith and sharing the faith
- Teaching the Good News with children and youth; building community with their families
- Being a role-model of the faith to the children and youth in the program

### **Responsible To:**

- Director of Faith Formation
- Pastor of Holy Rosary

### **Duties:**

- Be prepared and prompt for weekly classes
- Maintain presence before and after classes to support, assist and communicate with other catechists and parents
- Teach the weekly lesson as listed on syllabus using the Catechist manual
- Seek to grow and learn with continuing education programs
- Record attendance for each class
- In the case of a planned absence, notify Kathy well in advance
- Read all communications, both those sent by email or text and those placed in catechist's basket or in the classroom

### **Time Required:**

- Preparation time (lesson planning): 1 hour per week
- Class time: 1 hour and 15 minutes per week plus 10 minutes before and after class

### **Length of Commitment:**

- One school year from September through April

### **In-Service Training Provided:**

- Meetings with the Director for guidance, direction and support
- Catechist enrichment and formation opportunities offered by Holy Rosary or the Diocese of Crookston
- Completion of on-line Safe Environment training