

DISCERNING THE CALL TO BE A CATECHIST

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

The call to become a catechist or a catechist helper is a high calling that comes straight from God. The decision to become a Catechist or Helper requires prayerful discernment. No special knowledge, skills or experience is required – the parish provides excellent resources that make the job simple, even for a beginner!

BENEFITS FOR CATECHISTS & HELPERS:

Catechists and helpers experience accelerated growth in their faith and in their relationships with God and others. They feel good, knowing that they have given something back to God and their faith community. Catechists and helpers who commit to regular service are also guaranteed the class assignments of their choice for their children; provided their request is received by the date it is requested. Free babysitting can usually be provided for catechists' younger children, provided arrangements are made in advance. The parish covers the cost of Catechist Certification classes.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A CATECHIST:

CATECHISTS: Catechists must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic, in good standing (if married, married in the Church). They must be willing to complete Diocesan-required clearances and the excellent 3-hour Protecting God's Children Workshop. No special knowledge, experience, skill, or holiness required – just a love for Jesus and a desire to share faith.

HELPERS: Helpers may be of any faith and they may be any age. They work under the direction of staff or catechists, helping with Faith Formation programs, but they do not plan classes or make presentations. They should simply want to help. They must be willing to comply with parish policies. Those working with children must complete all Diocesan-required clearances and the 3-hour Protecting God's Children workshop.

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a catechist, call Kate at extension 23.