

# St. Joseph Religious Education Wants and Needs You

Children in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus & his Church

## WHY WE NEED YOU

*We need people of every station in life to develop their relationship with Jesus and shape their Catholic identity. The diversity of our families demands a diversity of volunteers*

- Are you a PARENT?** Parents are the primary evangelists for their children. Serving as a catechist for your child's class or another class supports all parents' responsibilities for handing on the faith.
- Are you a GRANDPARENT?** Stay connected with the vitality of youth.
- Are you BILINGUAL?** We have a special need for catechists who accommodate children of Spanish-speaking parents.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO COMMIT

Catechists need to be regular participants at parish liturgies and have completed the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). The children in our program deserve the commitment of adults who will make it a priority to create loving and respectful environments in the classroom. A catechist must commit to the scheduled classes/events for his or her grade level. The calendar generally follows the Public Schools calendar. We will train, support, guide, and pray with you. Volunteers who work with children & youth are required to sign a Volunteer Code of Conduct, complete the Criminal Record Check process and attend a **Protecting God's Children** Training Session.

## IF YOU ARE NOT READY TO TAKE THIS STEP ALONE...CONSIDER "TEAM-TEACHING"

A team may consist of two catechists or one catechist and assistant. A co-catechist/assistant can be a parent, friend, or a junior/senior high school student. An assistant may help with group work, teach various segments of the lesson, maintain discipline, work one-on-one with a particular student, or substitute the class in a pinch.

## INTERESTED? READY TO VOLUNTEER? UNSURE, BUT WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Please complete the tear-off below and return or mail to: **St. Joseph Religious Education Office 35 Church St., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.** For additional information, call **631-981-1805**.



**YES, I AM INTERESTED IN THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY... Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell#** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

In 2016-17 my child/children will be in grade: Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to have your own child in your class? If so, please state name & grade \_\_\_\_\_

I definitely want to be a catechist.  I will team teach with (Name & Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to team teach, please suggest a teacher \_\_\_\_\_

In order of preference, my "grade" choices are: 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

In order of preference, my "day" choices are: 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade 1 is a Home Taught Program and students attend a monthly Activity Session at the school.**

**Grades 2 through 7 attend a weekly class from October through April.**

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4:15-5:15PM	Grades 2 through 6	Grades 2 through 6
5:45-6:45PM	Grades 2 through 6	Grades 2 through 6
7:15-8:15PM	Grades 2, 3, & 4	Grades 2, 3, & 4
7:15-8:30PM	Grade 7 only	Grade 7 only

- I would like to speak with someone about this ministry. Please call me.
- I would like to help in the RE Office with the clerical work
- I would like to help prepare crafts (no artistic talent required!).
- I would like to help at large group gatherings.