

Our Faith Formation Program cannot run without the help of many volunteers in many different areas.

Skills needed cover a wide-range of talents and time commitments. There is literally "something for everyone," when it comes to volunteer categories.

When filling out your registration form please consider helping in one of the following areas.

Catechist

This position involves teaching in our Faith Formation program anywhere from Grade 1 through 11. Training and all materials are provided for our catechists as well as child care for your younger children during classes for grades 1-6.

Skills needed: Love of children, willingness to share your faith, flexibility, sense of humor.

Catechists for Grades 1-6

Classes are held Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15 p.m. Twenty-six classes are held during the school year.

Catechists for Junior/Senior High

Grades 7 & 8: Teach a group of 10-12 students Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Grades 9-11: Meet Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Groups are mixed ages and change each session.

Virtus Requirements

All volunteer positions now require a background check prior to beginning volunteering and completion of a Virtus Workshop within 30 days of beginning a volunteer position.

Forms for the background check can be picked up in our offices or obtained through the Diocesan website at gbdio.org. Under the tab "Protecting God's Children," select "Background Checks." You may fill out the form on-line. Please contact our office if you have questions or problems with the forms.

To find a listing of other workshops in the area and/or to register for a workshop go to the Diocesan website and under "Protecting God's Children" select "Virtus" and then "Virtus Workshop Dates."

Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Confirmation Discussion Leader

Facilitate discussion with candidates and sometimes their sponsors. Meet on occasional Sundays after Mass or in the evening.

Confirmation Retreat Team

Weekend retreat looks into the sacrament. Students learn to discern. Group leaders meet with students throughout the weekend to discuss various presentations. Volunteers also needed to help in the kitchen and on the service team.

Junior High, Freshman/Sophomore Retreats

Half-day retreats for grades 7-8, 9 and 10. Volunteers help with discussion groups, activities or in the kitchen.

Substitute Catechists

Volunteers are needed to fill in for catechists during times of necessary absence such as illness or schedule conflicts. Materials, lesson plans and child care for Grades 1-6 is provided. **Skills Needed:** Same as for catechist plus availability on short notice, quick study.

Volunteer Babysitter

Care for catechist preschool children during classes Wednesday afternoons. Several volunteers work on a rotating schedule once or twice a month. Need to arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of classes.

Volunteer Secretary

Needed during class times. Answer phone, check attendance and help with requests from catechists. Several volunteers work on a rotating schedule once or twice a month. Need to arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of classes.

Religion Bowl Scorekeeper Grades 1-6

Help score our review game once each quarter. Time commitment is from 4-4:50.

Fund Raisers

Generate ideas and help organize fund raising projects to help offset expenses. Two current events are listed below. New ideas are welcome.

Fall Fest: Youth Ministry Event/Fundraiser
Volunteer to help with:

- Haunted House
- Pie Eating Contest
- Games for youth and kids
- Bake sale
- Open Gym
- Parent Lounge

Italian Fest: Fund Raiser
Volunteer to help:

- Coordinate and/or help with the pasta dinner
- Silent auction
- Games for children
- Cake walk
- Bake sale
- Raffles
- Soliciting donations and other areas.

Youth Core Team

Open to youth, parents and other adults. Meets once a month to plan and set goals for Youth Ministry.

Parent Advisory Committee

Meet with coordinator and other parents to discuss issues and concerns, suggest improvements to programming and get acquainted with other parents.

Environmental Engineer

Help us make the building our own. Bulletin Board, hallways, classroom doors, seasonal decorations, you name it. Bring your ideas, we'll bring the supplies.

Many other volunteer opportunities exist on an "as needed" basis. These positions include such things as chaperon, baker, kitchen help, musicians, photographer, etc.

Still didn't find anything to use your particular skills?
Tell us what they are - we'll do our best to put you to work.

St. Bernadette Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities 734-7502



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