

St. Pius X Religious Education 2007-08

Volunteer Ministry Descriptions

Please note: The Archdiocese of Indianapolis requires all volunteers working directly with children in any parish ministry to receive a background check and attend Virtus Training. Go to www.virtus.org for upcoming sessions.

SCHOOL

Catechist: Catechists do more than teach: They “echo” our faith to students from age 3 through high school. Under the supervision of the Coordinator and the Director of Religious Education, they implement the Faith Formation Scope and Sequence of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, using prayer, scripture, personal experience, textbooks, crafts, activities, multimedia and other methods. Expectations include a rich spiritual life; participation in training, including in-service; and a minimum of one hour preparing for each class plus 90 minutes on site during class days (arriving at least 15 minutes before and staying at least 15 minutes after classes). Catechists at the 2nd- and 3rd grade levels also prepare students for the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. Some catechists minister as part of teams.

Substitute catechist: Leads classes on an as-needed basis, working with catechists who will be away to prepare lessons that present the archdiocesan Faith Formation Scope and Sequence. Expectations include a rich spiritual life and training/in-service as needed.

Vacation Bible School: Various ministries available.A

HOSPITALITY

Assist with Registration: Greet and answer questions for incoming families to School Of Religion during registration weekend.

Coffee & donuts on Sundays: Sell and serve coffee, juice and donuts on class days.

Serve/donate food for special events: Prepare, donate and serve food for special Religious Education Events.

Speakers for Parents and/or Students: Decide on pertinent topics and speakers for the 9:30 gathering time in Ross Hall. Speakers may cover topics applicable to parents, students or both.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Christmas with Christ: Collect, organize and deliver donated clothes, toys and other items for the community served by St. Philip Neri Parish.

Special Liturgies for Religious Ed. Students: Help to organize the lectors, servers, and other ministers for Mass.

Christian Service projects by individual classes: Assists catechists with the Christian service/social justice needs of classes. Duties may include working directly with students and recipients, delivering donated items to recipients, transporting students to off-campus project sites, and collecting materials.

Office Help: Help with large mailings, such as stapling, or making copies.

SPIRIT BUILDING

Music: Help to teach the students songs and hand motions that can be used in the Special Liturgies and Events.

Arts and Crafts: Donate items needed by catechist request or helping with projects if needed.

Welcome Back “Sundae Sunday”: Organize volunteers to set-up, bring supplies/items needed: ice cream, toppings and clean-up, or simply be one of the helpers.

Advent Bingo: Usually the first Sunday of Advent, help younger students mark their bingo cards, or be the bingo caller, or donate small prizes.

Christmas Pageant/Party: Set up, cleanup, serve during party, or assist with materials for pageant.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mass: Help set up for mass, coordinate music.

Youth Retreats: Adult Leader

Easter Egg Hunt: Help filling eggs, hiding eggs, hospitality for coffee and donuts.

Confirmation: Facilitate small group; be able to share faith with teens.