

Education

Overview:

- Catholic Education is one element in the formation of children. It is the teaching mission of Jesus Christ which has been entrusted to the Church. Catechists echo the Gospel. They support parents as primary teachers of the faith. Faith is formed in the young person first and foremost in the home, then as the family worships with the congregation, and finally in the classroom.
- St. Peter Celestine Church offers religious education classes to Grade Two students. The students must be baptised prior to receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Activities / Responsibilities:

- A Coordinator of Religious Education should be fully initiated and in full union with the Catholic faith.
- To coordinate and facilitate the process to enable St. Peter Celestine Parish to offer religious education classes to Grade Two students who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.
- To provide an atmosphere which is conducive to the learning needs and styles of children, while also in compliance with the safety policies of St. Peter Celestine Church and the Archdiocese of Ottawa.
- To assist and encourage the children in the development of a communal and personal prayer life.
- To provide children with opportunities to be of service to others and the skills and knowledge to reflect upon those opportunities in light of their baptismal call.
- To communicate with parents on an ongoing written basis, as well as orally.
- To communicate concerns, questions and suggestions to the Pastor and Parish Council.
- Provide training/assistance to the Catechist when required.
- Must be a visible member of the Parish community especially in regard to attendance at Mass.
- Dress in a way that conveys the significance of ministry.
- Maintain a Library of resource books and AV materials to supplement textbooks.
- When required purchase student workbooks at St. Paul's University, Main Street, Ottawa.
- To become personally acquainted with the children in the group.
- To plan, present and evaluate lessons based on the materials and schedule provided by the Diocese; supplemental materials may be used with approval.
- Substitute as a class Catechist when required.
- We ask that you volunteer for a period of two years, with the option of renewing on a yearly basis.

Skills, Experience, and Qualifications:

- Is an active participant in parish worship.
- Should enjoy working with children.
- Be willing to develop growth in his/her faith by studying the Roman Catholic faith's major components of scripture, sacraments, and morality as well as developing a deeper prayer life.
- Bring his/her own creative talents to the classroom when needed in order to keep children enthusiastic and engaged. Teaching experience is helpful, but not mandatory; however, a willingness to work on a team and collaborate for the good of the community is a must.

Personal Traits and Qualities:

- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Is honest, trustworthy and enthusiastic.
- Is able to communicate well with others, especially children.
- Has the ability to work independently or as part of a team.
- Is comfortable with being accountable and is sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries.

Orientation and Training:

- Provided by the Arch Diocese, Responsible Ministry or Parish Council.
- Training is conducted by attending workshops and becoming familiar with the material used in preparation of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- Directly responsible to the Pastor and Parish Council.

Support, Supervision, and Evaluation:

- The Pastor and/or Pastoral Team is the first level of support, supervision and evaluation.
- The Coordinator of Religious Education will provide Onsite supervision. On rare occasions, a substitute may be designated.

Benefits and Working Conditions:

- Adults, from the young through to the old, who accept the responsibility to teach, find themselves part of a special community within the parish. They are a living witness to the Word of God and to their Baptism. Friendships develop as they work with one another as well as with the families whom they teach. You will gain a sense of fulfillment in serving the community, a sense of accomplishment and true joy in serving the Lord and helping others know God.