

# Holy Cross Religious Education Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of volunteers. YOU are very important to our program! It has been a long tradition at Holy Cross that our parish family has offered their time and talents. It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the future church, our parish children. We encourage all our parishioners, as well as parents of children in our program to help out in some way.

We are always in need of catechists, classroom aides, substitute teachers, and hall monitors as well as parking lot directors who oversee the arrival and dismissal of our students. *VIRTUS training and fingerprinting are mandated by the Diocese as well as teacher training.*

## VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

### CATECHIST

*“Go Make Disciples and teach them everything that I have commanded you.”*

Please consider volunteering as a catechist to teach either the primary levels K to 6 or junior high levels 7 and 8.

The *Mission of a Catechist* is such an important one. It is a mission that has been given to the whole Church: that every individual Christian shares in the work of Jesus Christ.

The *Role of a Catechist* is to bring our young people closer to Jesus and grow in their faith as Catholics. Through their service the catechist nurtures and mentors the faith and spiritual growth of the children they teach so that they may form a firm commitment to follow Christ.

Qualifications of a Catechist: A catechist must be at least 18 years old, a practicing catholic in good standing who attends weekly Mass regularly, has a love for children, the desire to grow in faith and share that journey with young people, the ability to relate well to others, a sense of humor and flexibility, and a willingness to be of service to the Church.

Catechist Formation: Teacher training and support is available to all our catechists and classroom volunteers. Please click on the CATECHIST FORMATION BUTTON for more information.

Time Commitment: Lesson preparation (at least 1 hour a week), teach scheduled classes, and attend catechist meetings/classes/workshops.

**Responsibilities of a Catechist:**

- Prepare lessons using a teacher's Manual and other available resources.
- Be committed to closely following the textbook and curriculum.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before class to set up and greet students.
- Teach a class (75 minutes) each week
- Clean up after class
- Attend parish catechist meetings and training/workshops as required.
- All volunteers working with children must attend a Virtus class and be fingerprinted.

**Adult Classroom Aides:** Volunteers are needed to assist in the classroom every week and possibly substitute for the teacher when needed.

**Substitute Teachers:** Volunteers are needed to fill in for teachers when absent.

**Teen Aides:** Volunteers who are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through High School are needed to help out in the classroom every week. Volunteers are most needed on Tuesdays.

**Hall Monitors:** Volunteers are needed to monitor the halls during class time.

**Safety:** Volunteers are needed to oversee the arrival and dismissal of religious education students on a weekly or rotating basis. We are in special need of volunteers in this area on TUESDAYS.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Support:** Assist each month as a hall monitor, organize and distribute pizza and help staff where needed.

VIRTUS Training and fingerprinting are mandated by the Diocese for all volunteers.

For more information call the Office of Religious Education at 732-842-0348, ext. 1131.

Scroll down for Volunteer Form.

Holy Cross Religious Education  
**VOLUNTEER FORM**

*We are in need of volunteers. You are very important to our program!!!  
Please consider your availability and your volunteer time as a commitment.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check below the position you would like to volunteer for.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*CCD Teacher:**

Session: Sunday 9:00 am – 10:15 am \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Session: Tuesday 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Session: Sunday 4:15 pm – 8:00 pm (monthly) Grade 8 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Adult Aide:** Assist in the classroom **every week** and possibly substitute for the teacher when needed.

Session \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Substitute Teacher**

Session \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teen Aide:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade or high school students interested in helping out in a classroom **every week. \*This is most needed on Tuesdays.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Safety Monitor:** Oversee the arrival and dismissal of CCD students on a weekly or rotating basis. **\*Volunteers most needed on Tuesdays.**

Session \_\_\_\_\_ Availability \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Hall Monitor:** Monitor the halls during CCD on a weekly or rotating basis.

Session \_\_\_\_\_ Availability \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Support:** Assist each month as a hall monitor, organize and distribute pizza and help staff where needed