

St. Kilian Church
Religious Education Program
Catechists & Aides
Volunteer Application

Being A Catechist is....

- ♥ To share/teach the Faith of the Catholic Church by both word and example
 - ♥ Following a vocation rooted in our baptism
- ♥ Responding to an inner call, the voice of the Holy Spirit
 - ♥ **NOT** something **WE DO**, it is who **WE ARE**
- ♥ Someone who brings “tidings of great joy” to classrooms
- ♥ A storyteller, companion, leader of prayer, witness for justice
 - ♥ Someone who puts people in touch, in communion, in intimacy with, Jesus Christ



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TOP TEN REASONS TO BE A CATECHIST

By Woodeene Koenig-Bricke

10. **THE BEST WAY TO LEARN IS TO TEACH**
If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge
9. **CATECHISTS TELL THE TRUTH**
The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance
8. **SHARING THE FAITH IS AN HONOR**
It's estimated that fewer than 1% of Catholics are catechists
7. **YOUR OWN FAITH WILL COME ALIVE**
As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.
6. **YOU BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE MOST ACTIVE PART OF YOUR PARISH**
When you join the catechists in your parish, you enter into a community that will support you on your faith journey, pray for and with you and encourage you in your Catholic way of life
5. **A CATECHIST IS A ROLE MODEL**
As a catechist, you get to model behaviors young people might not learn anywhere else
4. **YOU WILL BE PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP**
Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource-your time
3. **YOU WILL SHOW YOUR FAMILY THAT YOU VALUE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high Priority on religious education
2. **IT'S FUN**
Kids remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints
1. **IT'S WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO**
At the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

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Thank you for your interest in our Religious Education Program. We encourage anyone who likes to work with children and has a calling to share “The Great Story of Salvation” to consider becoming involved with this rewarding ministry as a Catechist or Aide.

We are currently using **BLEST ARE WE~Faith in Action** for Grades 1-4, (RCL Benziger), **Pflaum Gospel Weeklies for Grades 5-8** and **ALLELU** for our 4 & 5 year olds. (Our Sunday Visitor). These series have been approved by our Diocese, the Conference of Catholic Bishops and has the Imprimatur.

All volunteers are required to be fingerprinted through the Diocese of Orange and complete an on-line Safe Environment Training before they are allowed to work with children. Once accepted as a volunteer, you will be sent information regarding fingerprinting and online safety training.

Below you will find the schedule for Pre-K & Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 and Special Education. Please complete the attached application with your preference of grade level or day of the week that is best for you.

Please return the completed application to the Office of Religious Education. We will contact you and set up an appointment to meet, review our program and explain our policies and procedures. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Grade	Day	1st Class	Time	Grade	Day	1st Class	Time
Pre-K & Kind. (4 & 5 yr olds)	SUNDAY	October 6, 2019	9-10 AM				
1st	MONDAY	October 7, 2019	3:30-4:45 PM				
2nd	TUESDAY	October 8, 2019	3:30-4:45 PM	5th/6th (Combined)	TUESDAY	Oct. 8, 2019	5-6:30 PM <i>Twice a month</i>
3rd & 4th	WEDNESDAY	October 9, 2019	3:30-4:45 PM	7th/8th (Combined)	TUESDAY	Oct. 8, 2019	5-6:30 PM <i>Twice a month</i>
Special Ed.	FRIDAY	Oct. 11, 2019	4:30-5:30 PM				

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ST. KILIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEER

REGISTERED PARISHIONER? _____ years in parish _____ previous parish _____

NAME _____ Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____
last first

ADDRESS _____
street city zip

TELEPHONE (cell or home) _____

E-MAIL please print _____

FINGERPRINTED through the Diocese of Orange? _____ If so, what Parish? _____

OCCUPATION _____ COMPANY _____

MARRIED _____ SPOUSE _____
yes or no first name last name

EDUCATION: High School _____ College _____ Major _____ Other _____
yes/no yes/no

Bi-LINGUAL? If so, what language other than English _____

GRADE LEVEL or DAY and TIME that you are interested in _____

DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN MASS? _____ (daily/weekly/other)

OTHER PARISH ACTIVITIES _____

COURSE WORK or experience related to Religious Education:

SPECIAL GIFTS or TALENTS that might benefit our program (crafts, art, dance, music, storytelling, etc..)

REFERENCES:

Name	phone	relationship
1. _____		
2. _____		

****Please describe in a short paragraph (you may use the back of this paper):**

1. Your own experience of Religious Education
2. How you hope to touch the lives of our parish children through this ministry

_____ signature date