

## ✠ PARISH EDUCATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ✠

### ***Baptism Preparation***

In the early days of the church it was adults who presented themselves to the Christian Community for Baptism. They were welcomed and supported by that Community who helped them develop their faith in Jesus through scripture reflection, prayer, outreach and gathering on Sundays. Nowadays, parents present their children for Baptism. We, as part of that same Christian Community, are called to continue to welcome and journey with these families. As Christians, we are representatives of this greater Community, companions on the journey, servants of Christ and of one another. You are invited to help out by assisting the facilitators to help prepare parents to celebrate their child's Baptism.

**Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

**Prerequisite:**

- ♦ 18 years or older

**Time Commitment:**

- ♦ Average 1-2 hours per session 5 or 6 times per year

### ***Children's Liturgy***

Children's Liturgy teaches the Liturgy of the Word in terms that children can understand. The readings for the day are read with a reflection that helps the children form a connection between scripture and their young lives. As our parish continues to grow, we are always in need of teachers and teacher assistants. We have units of three to four weeks that we ask you to commit to. Our activities are planned and prepared for you with sheets or activities with the gospel and discussion questions.

**Prerequisite:**

- ♦ Must be registered with the parish for at least one year.
- ♦ Must be known to the parish

**Time Commitment:**

- ♦ One hour per session

**Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

### ***Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couple***

Do you want to join a ministry with your spouse? Married couples have the opportunity to be a sponsor couple for couples who are newly engaged and plan to get married in our parish. Being a sponsor couple involves you and your spouse meeting with an engaged couple and working through the For Better and Forever marriage preparation book. Another way to get involved with this ministry is to become a host couple. A host couple works with the Marriage Preparation Coordinator around a weekend Marriage Preparation course. Training and resources are provided.

**Time Commitment:**

- ♦ 5 informal visits arranged around your schedule

**Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

## ***RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) & RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)***

Becoming Catholic is one of the most profound and joyous experiences of life. Some are blessed enough to receive this great gift while they are still infants, and others come into the Catholic faith when they are older children or adults. RCIA & RCIC offer a range of opportunities for adults and children who are passionate about their faith and want to share that joy with others. RCIA & RCIC are not courses or classes in Catholicism. Rather, they are gradual, guided processes of formation and conversion leading participants towards initiation into the Catholic Church by the celebration of three sacraments as needed: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ 2 hours per session
- ♦ Weekly sessions

### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

Here are some of the ways you can help out:

### **Catechist**

A catechist should be a person of faith, as well as a faithful member of the community. Catechists have a basic understanding of Church teaching, and able to communicate well and be willing to learn as they share their faith. Discussions center on what it means to be Catholic and how to live out our Catholic faith in the world and in our relationships.

### **Sponsor**

The All Saints parish community promises prayerful support for, and to walk with, each prospective new member of the Catholic Church. The role of RICA Sponsor is the fulfillment of that promise. As a Sponsor you are assigned a Candidate (baptized adult) or Catechumen (un-baptized adult) whose continuing faith journey you will share. Many prospective Sponsors ask themselves whether they are worthy or qualified. You are not expected to know every aspect of the Church's teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can.

## ***Sacrament Preparation***

The Sacrament preparation Team guides parents and their child through activities aimed to help them to understand the Sacraments of First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation. As part of the Sacrament Preparation Team, volunteers can assist with different aspects of the process. The sessions are geared towards helping the children and parents embody Christian values into everyday life. To help with this ministry you should be a person of faith, as well as a faithful member of the community. You should be able to communicate well with children and be willing to learn. Some volunteer for one Sacrament or for all three Sacraments!

### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ Variable
- ♦ 3 hours per sacrament per month