

St. Martha Religious Education Program wants YOU to Help get "The Word" out!

"The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ."

(Catechesis in Our Time, 5 – Pope John Paul II)

"God asks...
and waits..."
(Pope John Paul II)

Is God asking and waiting for you?

Become a Catechist today.

You are needed and wanted.

Our children and teens need faith filled adults to guide them on their journey toward discovering Jesus' love for them and growing as committed disciples. They need adults who are role models of what it means to be a Catholic Christian in our world today. They need adults who know that learning about and living our faith is a life-long process, not just a few classes during the year.

Are you being called?

"The call to the ministry of catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit." (National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB) Becoming a catechist is an answer to God's call. It is because one loves teaching children and youth. It is because one loves Jesus and wants to continue his mission. It is because one yearns to share his/her faith with others.

Catechist is the term we use for a person who teaches our faith to others, whether children, youth or adults (a religion teacher).

But, I'm not qualified.

That's okay. "The apostolic work of the catechist springs from the Sacrament of Baptism..." (National directory for Catechesis,

USCCB). We will train you, support you, guide you, and pray with you. Our diocese offers a Catechist Formation/Certification program that many of our current catechists have completed or are in the process of completing. It will take a little effort on your part, but the outcome and satisfaction will be worth it.

"**Catechesis** is the word used to describe this essential ministry of the Church through which the teachings of Christ have been passed on to believers throughout the ages." (National Directory for Catechesis)

Call Jackie at 349-1763 if you are interested in learning more!!