

April 7, 2008

Dear Parents,

The hope of Easter continues to be with us! This is our most ancient season filled with many encounters with the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit. The 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are a time to rejoice and spread the good news! What better way to spread the good news than to share your time with the children at St. Francis as a volunteer in our Faith Formation Program.

We have over 1,000 children in the Faith Formation Program from age 3 to grade 12. This number grows weekly! It takes many people to make programs like this possible. We invite you to come share your faith in one of our classes. The wisdom we see in this parish is bountiful!

We believe that as parents you are your child's first catechists. Whether you realize it or not they learn most by what they see and hear at home. Please consider sharing your time with the incredible children of our parish. A volunteer interest form is included in this packet. Please fill out and return it with your child's enrollment papers. If you are unable to donate your time, please pray for the continued success of our Faith Formation program.

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer to be a Catechist

10. You'll save gas (and money!) by parking your car and staying during class.
9. You'll be part of the largest volunteer group at St. Francis.
8. You need only a desire to serve.
7. God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called!
6. The cost of materials for your children will be waived!
5. We follow Jesus' example and serve people, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus commands it!
4. Kids say the funniest things!
3. God wants us to plant seeds of faith, spread The Word and build His Kingdom here on earth – at St. Francis – we'll provide the garden and books!
2. Community – it's important!
1. **If enough people volunteer now, you won't have to hear us beg in August!**



Pray about it! Call the Parish Office to volunteer, 303-688-3025 or fill out and return the Interest Form!

Come, Holy Spirit!

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