

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
2011-2012 VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
FAITH FORMATION, GRADES 1-8

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in the faith formation program at St. Joseph Parish! Our program provides religious instruction and spiritual formation for children in grades 1-8, including preparation for the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist. The primary goal of the program is to help children develop a relationship with God that will support, sustain, challenge and nourish them throughout their entire lives. Our program consists of weekly classroom sessions, seasonal celebrations, and special activities. A dedicated team of catechists and other volunteers makes all this possible – we would love to have you be a part of it!

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

You don't have to know everything about the faith to volunteer; we will provide training and support throughout the year. But you must be willing to learn and you must meet the following requirements: (1) have a love for children and for God; (2) strive to live your Catholic faith with integrity; (3) enjoy sharing your faith with young people and encouraging them to grow in their relationships with God; (4) participate in the worshipping life of our community; (5) show maturity in action and attitude; and (6) fulfill your commitment to the faith formation program, including prompt attendance at all scheduled classes and events.

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will strive to inspire in our children a love for God, for God's people and for our Catholic faith.
- I will promote a respectful and loving environment through my actions and language.
- I will always respect the physical, emotional and spiritual safety of all participants.
- I will practice confidentiality and respect personal sharing. Private information must be shared with the Director if it is a matter of safety and concern.
- I will serve when scheduled (weekly class sessions from September 2011-May 2012) or arrange for a substitute to take my place. As soon as I know that I cannot attend a scheduled class or event, I will contact the other catechists assigned to the class and the Director.
- I will respect St. Joseph Parish and School facilities and keep them clean and in good condition.
- As required by the Diocese of Oakland, I consent to a Megan's Law check; to LiveScan fingerprinting; and to participating in one Safe Environment for Children training session.

ARE YOU READY TO VOLUNTEER?

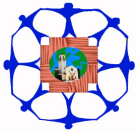
Thank you for offering to share your gifts with us! Please fill out the attached form and return it to St. Joseph Parish, 2100 Pear Street, Pinole, CA 94564. Detach this information page and keep it for your records.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Catechist formation (required for new volunteers, and strongly encouraged for returning volunteers) will take place in August and September – you will receive more information and a complete calendar in July. The first faith formation classes for 2011-2012 will take place on Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions or suggestions? Please contact Neela Kale, Director of Religious Education, at (510) 741-4900 ext. 204, neelak@sjcpinole.org; or Teena Posas, Director of Youth Ministry, at (510) 741-4900 ext. 210, teenap@sjcpinole.org.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____
 Home address _____
 Mailing address _____
 Home phone _____ Cell phone _____
 Work phone _____ Best time to call _____
 Email address _____
 Age (circle one) age 18 or over under age 18

May we include your contact information on a roster to be distributed to all faith formation volunteers, so that we can contact and support each other throughout the year? (circle one) Yes No

Please circle the information you wish to include in the roster: Home phone Cell phone Work phone Email

AVAILABILITY

Faith formation classes meet weekly from September 2011 through May 2012. When would you like to serve? (If you are available at more than one time, please indicate your first and second choice.)

- ___ Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- ___ Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00 p.m.
- ___ Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

With what grade level would you prefer to serve? (Please circle all that apply.)

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Anywhere needed

How would you like to serve? (Please circle all that apply.)

- As a teacher As an aide As a traffic helper Anywhere needed

PERSONAL GOALS

What are your three greatest strengths as a faith formation volunteer?

What are three goals you have for yourself as a faith formation volunteer for 2011-2012?

I have read the volunteer code of conduct (attached) and will follow it.

Signature

Date