

Catechist Training Dates 2017

MANDATORY FOR ALL CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS

PREK-Kindergarten CATECHIST GRADE LEVEL MEETING

Wednesday, August 30th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Guardian Angels Hall @ the AMC

All Preschool Catechists need to attend this meeting. Topics will include policies/procedures for the new CCE year, and what is expected of our catechists. There will also be a tour of the classrooms and work room space in the AMC. Some time for age level catechists to meet and coordinate lesson planning with each other will also be included. A light **dinner will be provided.**

ELEMENTARY CATECHIST GRADE LEVEL MEETING

Wednesday, August 30th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Marian Hall A @ the AMC

All Elementary Catechists and Assistants are expected to attend this meeting. We will cover the basics of how the Elementary CCE office functions, expectations of our catechists/assistants, RE policies and procedures plus a look at the new textbooks and class rosters for the upcoming CCE year. There will also be a tour of the AMC including the assigned classrooms. Time for grade level catechists to meet and coordinate lesson planning with each other will also be included. A light **dinner will be provided.**

MANDATORY FOR ALL CATECHISTS / ASSISTANTS / VOLUNTEERS:

In order to comply with Archdiocesan guidelines, **all** adults (ages 18 and older) who volunteer in children's and youth ministries must complete **Safe Environment training** prior to serving. This training, called **VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children (PGC)"**, is valid for five (5) years from the date taken and is renewable every five years with a refresher course called **"Keeping the Promise Alive (KPA)"**. Courses are offered in parishes throughout the Archdiocese year round. The **next courses IN THE AREA** are at:

- **Protecting God's Children** (For those who have **never** taken the training): **Tues., July 11, 4-7pm** (St. Vincent de Paul, 6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston); **Sat. July 29, 9am-12noon** (St. Faustina, 28102 FM1093, Fulshear)
- **Keeping the Promise Alive** (refresher for those who **took VIRTUS in 2012 or before**): For session offerings and to register on-line, go to <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> and log in to your user account for information.

For more session offerings of both trainings and to register on-line, go to: <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

NOTE: ALL High School Youth (grades 9-12) wishing to volunteer must complete youth Safe Environment training (Jeremiah 1:7) prior to assisting. Scheduled for Thurs., Aug. 31st @ 7pm and Thurs., Sept. 8th @ 4:30pm. Please refer to the parish website under "Parish Life/Safe Environment" for details **and to download forms to register.** Questions? Contact Ms. Laura Stephens, Director of Religious Education.

STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR ALL CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS:

CATECHETICAL MODULE – "Introduction to the Framework"

The *Catechetical Framework for Lifelong Faith Formation* is the definitive framework by which catechesis is to be carried out in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in all contexts. It was promulgated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, on August 6, 2013 and became effective on January 6, 2014. In this Module, individuals will develop a personal plan to specify how they will continue to enhance their understanding of the Framework in their efforts in catechetical ministry (or Catholic School education).

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm
Marian Hall A and Marian Hall B

Thursday, September 7, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm
Marian Hall A and Marian Hall B

Please choose only one (1) of the offerings noted above to attend (i.e. **Weds. OR Thurs., not both**). **Advanced registration IS REQUIRED to attend but does not cost anything.** Be aware that **space is limited by Diocesan policy to 35 attendees for each Module presentation** and will be filled on a first come-first served basis. For each day/time offered, two presentations will occur simultaneously to serve as many volunteers as possible. Go to SIGN UP GENIUS at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0849aaa729a57-introduction> to register.