

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS

*A brief description of each ministry is included below. Volunteers will be happy to answer any questions.*

**Art and Environment.** Coordinates the decoration of the interior of our worship space during various seasons, including designing and creating banners. Artistic background and/or experience is especially welcome. Formation provided.

**Communion Minister.** Assists with distributing communion at Sunday or weekday liturgies. Formation provided.

**Greeter.** Welcomes people as they enter the building for Sunday liturgies.

**Lector.** Proclaims the readings and/or leads the intercessions. A clear speaking voice is required. Formation provided.

**Liturgy Planning Teams.** Small groups meet once every six weeks. The group discusses the readings for a given Sunday and how these readings speak to this community and shape our liturgy. Formation provided.

**Minister of the Word (Family Mass).** From October to June, these adults proclaim a child's level of the Sunday readings to the children who choose to participate at the 5:00 Saturday Mass. They also offer a reflection on the readings for the children, and lead them in song and prayer. Formation provided.

**Usher.** Greets and seats the assembly on Sunday, and assists in collecting the offering.

**Cantor.** Leads the congregation in song at Sunday Mass. A good singing voice is required. Training provided.

**Celebration Choir (10:30 Mass).** Uses the piano, guitar, and other instruments and focuses on religious music of recent years. Weekly rehearsal required.

**Children's Choir (5:00 Saturday Mass).** For grammar school age children. Rehearsal required.

**Funeral Choir.** Provides the music for parish funerals. Some rehearsals required.

**Gallery Choir (9:00 Mass).** Uses the pipe organ, piano and other instruments and sings a wide range of choral music from early church years to contemporary. Weekly rehearsal required.

**Instrumentalist.** Willing to play handbells or any other instrument for any of the Sunday liturgies or special celebrations.

**Spirit Choir (6:00 PM Sunday Mass).** For high school and college students and young adults, instrumentalists and vocalists. Rehearsal required.

**Chaperones/Drivers.** Available for youth group outings: ski trips, retreats, dance socials, athletic events. Possibly parents of teens.

**Quest Home Group Leaders.** Adult leaders for small teen Quest discussion groups that meet in the homes of the adult leaders. Training provided.

**Young Adult Group.** Participates in the planning and execution of activities and formation events for young adults, such as scripture/spirituality discussion groups.

**Pre-Cana Team.** Married couples interested in being part of the team that facilitates Pre-Cana sessions for engaged couples. Training provided.

**RCIA Sponsor.** Confirmed Catholics who serve as companions to persons being initiated into the Church. Openness to spiritual growth, active participation in the Church, the ability to listen are among the traits of the sponsor. Formation provided.

**SPRED Helper/Catechist.** Assists in the program of religious education/formation for mentally disabled children or adults. Ministers work as part of a team. Formation provided.

**Religious Education Teacher/Assistant.** Adults who assist in the education of students in the Wednesday night and Sunday morning programs of religious education. Training provided.

**Religious Education Teen Assistant.** Serves as an aide in one of the classrooms for the Wednesday or Sunday program for children. Training provided.

**BEDS Volunteer.** Is trained and works in the shelter for the homeless (October to April), or prepares the evening meals or does laundry. St. Francis is the Monday night site.

**Bereavement Minister.** Visits the wakes of deceased parishioners and assists in details of the Funeral Mass. Also may follow up with family members. Formation provided.

**Refugee Settlement Program Volunteer.** Welcomes refugees or provides other assistance, e.g., transportation, shopping, etc.

**Food Pantry Distributor.** Assists with distribution of food on Tuesday morning and/or shopping, with parish donations.

**Minister of Care.** Brings eucharist to homebound and those in hospital or local nursing homes. Formation provided.

**Outreach Team.** Offers confidential support to those affected by alcohol or substance abuse. Training provided.

**Peace and Justice Committee.** Raises awareness of the needs of society and plans action to respond to some of those needs.

**St. Vincent de Paul.** Assists those in the parish with special needs with donated funds. Meets monthly.

**Sharing Parish Activities Volunteer.** Assists in various activities with St. Agatha, our sharing parish.

**Transport Residents at Victorian Manor.** Assists in transporting residents between their rooms and the Sunday communion service at Colonial Manor (usually via wheelchair).

**Rectory Office Volunteer.** Various projects in the rectory office can benefit from a few extra hands. Needs are random.