

St Isidore Faith Formation Catechist/Volunteer Application 2025-26 (For Adults)

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Last Name	First	Middle	Birthday		
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Address	City	State	Zip	Cell Phone	E-mail Address

Do you have a Child in Faith Formation? If so... Name _____ Grade _____					

Position Desired: ☐ Catechist/Co-Catechist/Facilitator ☐ Catechist/Facilitator Assistant ☐ Office Assistant ☐ Hall Monitor

Program/Day/Time

REK-6 Grade Level: _____ ☐ Faith Basics ☐ Sacramental Prep

- ☐ Tuesday 4:00-5:30pm ☐ Wednesday 4:00-5:30pm ☐ Saturday 8:45-10:30am
☐ Tuesday 5:45-7:30pm ☐ Wednesday 5:45-7:30pm ☐ Saturday 8:45-10:30am

Confirmation Year 1 ☐ Tuesday 6-7:30pm ☐ Wednesday 6-7:30pm ☐ Saturday 9-10:30am

Confirmation Year 2 ☐ Monday 6-7:45pm ☐ Monday 6:45-8:45pm ☐ Tuesday 7-8:30pm

Have you ever volunteered for a Diocesan location? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, give details: _____

Volunteer Checklist

- ◇ Virtus Account Made and Up to Date on all trainings. (See Protecting God's Children instructions on other side.)
- ◇ Volunteer Application turned in and signed.
- ◇ For Catechists/Facilitators only: Franciscan at Home account made, and 3 hours of workshops completed for the 25-26 Year. Christ, His Person and His Works is the first course you will take. If you have taken this last year, you will do a different course.

Please read and sign below

The information provided on this form is true and complete. If accepted as a volunteer, any misstatement or omission of fact on this form may result in suspension of my services. I grant permission to check my background and references and release the diocese and all diocesan locations from any and all liability that may result.

I further understand that all persons who will have contact with children or vulnerable adults are required to comply with Diocesan Safe Environment policies and procedures and are required to undergo a state and federal criminal background check.

I can commit to the whole year of Faith Formation, and the 6 required hours of formation (for Catechists/Facilitators and Assistants). I will be approx. 15 minutes early for Sessions as indicated in the above time slot (or have communicated other plans with staff).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A HUGE THANK YOU. We cannot catechize the young Church without you!!

Protecting God's Children™

Child sexual abuse is a worldwide public health issue. Child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse, is reprehensible—especially when the wrongdoer is affiliated with the Church. The VIRTUS® program has been selected by the Diocese of Joliet to assist the Church in being a safe haven for children and a messenger for preventing child sexual abuse within the Church and society in general. We hope to achieve this lofty goal through our child sexual abuse prevention program: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN™.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN™ at St. Isidore: All parish volunteers who come in contact with the children of our parish are required to attend this training. This includes: clergy, staff, teachers, catechists, all school volunteers, Youth Ministry, and Faith Formation volunteers, coaches, babysitters, field trip chaperones, etc. Since it is our goal to make the entire parish a safe environment for children we wish to offer this training to all parishioners, parish & stewardship board members, parish commission members, parish council members, ministry coordinators, lectors, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, etc. All of us have a role to play in making St. Isidore a place where child sexual abuse not only can't happen but a place where children can find safety.

This training is available for online only.

Go to www.virtusonline.org click on FIRST TIME REGISTRANT—follow the on screen instructions. After completing the registration process return to your Virtus account home page, open the TOOLBOX tab, on the left side screen click TRAINING, click to begin the training session. This training must be completed in one sitting. Failure to complete the training will require you to start over from the beginning.

Diocesan expectation for Catechists' ongoing formation:

Each year, the Diocese expects 6 hours of ongoing formation for catechists.

Catechists will need to satisfy 3 of these hours by completing 1 Franciscan at Home workshop.

Other types of formation activities (talks, seminars, short courses, etc.) or a second Franciscan at Home workshop, will satisfy the remaining 3 hours.

Creating Your Free *Franciscan at Home* Account:

1. Go to <https://franciscanathome.com/>
2. Scroll down & click on "Individual Subscriptions."
3. Click on "Free Sign Up" (the parish where you work has an institutional subscription).
4. Click "create a new account."
5. Complete all the required fields in the form and click "Create new account" button.
6. Choose your diocese from the drop-down menu on the next screen.
7. Choose your institution (i.e., where you work or volunteer) on the drop-down menu that appears
8. Click the "Sign Up" button.
9. The next screen will be your dashboard with full access to content.
10. The next time you log in, go to <https://franciscanathome.com/> and enter the email address and password you created in Step 5.

Catechists – Your first Learning Track is the Foundational Track for Parish Ministry. You will start this track. Start the Course by the same name. Then start your first workshop, ***Christ: His Person and Works***. You have the option of requesting a mentor or not.

Save the Date! And plan to attend one of the following Catechist/Facilitator/Volunteer In Service:

Tuesday 8/19—6-8pm, Thursday 8/21—6-8pm, or Saturday 8/23—9-11am. Chapel Lower Level.

Jubilee Mass for Catechist @ St. Raymond Cathedral with Bishop Hicks

Midyear Coffee Talk—Saturday, January 10, 2026

Catechist Evening of Formation with Amy Catepan—Author—Thursday, February 5, 2026