

CATECHISTS are needed to share the Good News with the young members of our parish communities.

We seek catechists who

- have a love for God and his people.
- are able to relate with children or teens depending on the grade level chosen.
- have the time and ability to make a serious commitment to teach, prepare lessons and receive the necessary preparation.
- are willing to work under the direction of the Director and grade level coordinator.

This year we are also seeking adults and young adults to act as leaders in the small high school groups described earlier.

CATECHIST EDUCATION: General catechist sessions are held for Elementary, Junior High, Confirmation and High School levels. The meeting for catechists in grades 1-6 will be held Tuesday, September 13, from 10-11:30 A.M. at St. Mary's School. The other meetings will be scheduled shortly. Two diocesan workshops will also be available. September 15, 11-4:00 P.M. at Ishpeming for Confirmation catechists. September 16, 7-10:00 P.M. at Newberry for Junior High and High School catechists. The Pastoral Conference at Marquette will be another opportunity for in-service development. This will be Friday/Saturday, September 30 and October 1.

Two opportunities you might also wish to note are:

Charismatic Prayer Group beginning at St. Mary's Monday, September 12.
Religious Goods Sale by Andrzejewski's 1st weekend in October

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SAULT AREA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SERVICE PROGRAM

Person to Person Sharing Our Faith

Serving the Catholics of Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Mills, and Sugar Island

Dear Colleagues in passing on our Faith,

September, 1983

It is with some regret that I say good-bye to the lazy days of summer. Though, one mother I met this weekend is throwing a big party the first day of school -- it is for other parents!

Objectives for this year's program center heavily on the upper grades. I will try to state them as simply as possible.

1. To provide for better catechist preparation and development among the area Junior High catechists.
 - adopt the same series for all parishes.
 - prepare lessons on the area level every 2 or 3 weeks.
 - make available weekly Scripture sharing for those who wish.
2. To provide greater depth and balance in the Junior High curriculum for students.
 - into grade service projects and work for the poor into regular classes.
 - provide area/parish retreat and social experiences.
 - require greater accountability for material presented.
3. To develop a strong pre- and post-Confirmation program. (1st semester grade 9, 1983)
 - seek adults and young adults especially suited for this sacrament and age level.
 - offer classes Wednesday afternoon and evening at St. Joseph's hall.
 - utilize a large group presentation with discussion and activities held in small groups.
 - provide an area or parish retreat experience.
 - continue the policy that confirmandee must be attending class.
 - continue pastoral interviews and parent meetings.

The total budget for this year is \$81,860. It includes salaries for a director and 4 coordinators, a full time secretary and janitor as well the expenses of teaching supplies, textbooks and busing.

Assessments paid by the parishes total \$70,000 and are divided as follows:

St. Marys -----	\$25,130.	St. Josephs ---	\$24,220
Nativity -----	9,100.	St. Isaac Jogues ---	5,460
Blessed Kateri --	2,240	Sacred Heart -----	3,850

This rate is figured by a formula which takes into consideration parish assessable income and the number of envelope users in a parish. It allows little parishes to have the same chance at quality religious education as their larger counterparts.

FEATURES OF PRESENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SERVICE PROGRAM

Educational Services

Adults: Bible study
Peace Pastoral
Teacher education
Marquette Diocesan Pastoral Conference
Adult handicapped sessions

Family: Family enrichment sessions
Sacramental programs
"Saints Hall of Fame"

High School: Regular classes
Lenten program
Deanery retreats
Youth rally
Fastathon
Reverence for Life and Family program (every other year)
Sacramental program (Confirmation)
Opportunities for service and peer ministry
Community building experiences

Junior High: Regular classes
Social and liturgical experiences
Youth rally
Opportunities for service and peer ministry
Progress reports

Elementary: Release and non-release time classes
Special education classes
Home study
Sacramental program
Mini-retreats
Progress reports
Haunted House
Opportunities for peer ministry and service
Consultative services to supplementary programs as needed.

Pastoral Services:

Secretarial services
Baptismal and marriage preparation
Conduct Wake sessions
Ministry to widows and widowers
Participation in Domestic Violence Center
Involvement in Hospice program
Reading Bible prayer group
Bucharistic ministers to the homebound
Lectors
Outreach to Drunks, Provincial House and Long Term Care
Parish team membership

Other:

Qualified coordinators
Prepared and dedicated catechists
Monthly staff meetings
Regular pastoral team meetings to plan shared responsibilities
Monthly Area Board of Religious Education meetings
Participation in Diocesan and Deanery planning groups
Regular evaluation of Director, Coordinators, Catechists and program
Well equipped curriculum and general library
Up-to-date audio-visual library and equipment
Classrooms conducive for learning
Use of Place Apart for retreats and classes
Parish facilities available for use
Convent available for winter parish Masses, retreats, classes and Board meetings.

Reflect, pray, and attend your parish meeting. Your pastoral people, board members, the staff and myself would be happy to try to answer any questions you might have.

Please, join our "family" in praying these words each day.

Lord Jesus,

The people we strive to serve are your people.

You know their needs, their pain, their aspirations.

Help us to see with your eyes, to hear with your ears, to love with your heart.

We place this Program in your hands,

Make of it what you would have it become.

Amen.

*My love and my prayers,
Sister Marietta*
9.12.74