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Phone Number: _____ Child Name: _____

Thank you for considering to assist our Children's Faith Formation Ministries! Please review this list and check any role that interests you. We will contact you soon to arrange a time to meet to discuss this more. The positions on page 1 are specific to the Faith Formation Wednesday Discipleship Groups, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Page 2 has additional, including non-gathered, opportunities to assist.

_____ **Catechist or Co-Catechist:** Leads a small group of 10-15 children through their faith growth with a provided curriculum and textbook. A catechist has a growing faith life that they are continuing to try and improve. This faith life is shared with the children during our Discipleship Groups. Some pre-planning/learning is required prior to each session, but all necessary materials are provided ahead of time. Additional training and resources are provided, and catechists may supplement with their own ideas and/or work as a duo with another catechist. The catechist and Faith Formation staff regularly communicate as part of the catechist duties and own spiritual growth. A catechist receives a small stipend for their time and energy in this position.

_____ **Substitute Catechist:** Willing to replace a Catechist or Assistant Catechist in case they cannot attend a scheduled Discipleship Group. A lesson plan is provided, and supplemental help is provided as time allows. While some absences are scheduled ahead of time, a substitute catechist may receive a call with minimal notice. Substitutes will be called in a rotation, and all substitutes receive a small stipend for the sessions they lead.

_____ **Assistant Catechist:** All children's discipleship groups should have two adults present at all times. For the small groups that have a Catechist, (not two Co-Catechists), an Assistant is required to help the Catechist with activities, leading, and oversight. Duties of this role will differ based on the grade level assisted.

_____ **Hall Monitor:** Walk the halls, pick up attendance, helps supervise young children walking to and from the bathroom, assists with discipline or other catechist errands, directs hallway traffic, and is an ongoing hallway presence. Ideally, there are two Hall Monitors scheduled for each week, and a rotation of the hall monitors would occur so being present every session would not be required.

_____ **Office Workers:** Assist in the office, make phone calls when needed, help with copying, answer questions from visitors, be a consistent presence in the office. Ideally, there are two Office Workers who will rotate weekly so only one is required at each session.

_____ **Greeters:** Welcome parents and children as they arrive to Discipleship Groups, assist in creating a culture of joy, happiness, and hospitality. Greeters are at each of our main entrance ways holding the door open, welcoming the children and families from 5:50-6:05 p.m. Ideally, greeters will rotate weekly so being present at every session is not required.

_____ **Babysitters:** Watch and care for the small children (9 months-3 years) of those giving their time during the Wednesday Discipleship Groups. This would be in the Angels room.

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In addition to the roles on Wednesday nights, we can also use help in the following ways:

____ **Faith Formation Commission Member:** Members assist with visioning, advocacy, and coordination of the different Evangelization initiatives and ministries of St. Thomas Aquinas by joining one of 3 committees: Children, Small Group, Adult.

____ **Communication Team Member:** This team assists in making sure our message is regularly and accurately communicated to the parish. Puts together marketing plans, writes e-mails, bulletin articles, or social media posts, helps with phone calls, takes photos, recommends webpage updates, etc...

____ **First Communion Prayer Companion:** Pray and support the children who are planning on receiving their First Communion in May of 2019. In addition to prayer, we ask companions to send a few encouraging notes throughout the year.

____ **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** Please mark here if you are interested in or willing to assist our CGS ministry. This can include the setting up & tearing down of the CGS atria, being an assistant, or expressing an interest in being trained as a Catechist for upcoming years. (Training requires a year's notice).

____ **Parish Life Committee Member:** As a parish, we are a small community of believers, a family. The PLC assists our parishioners in providing opportunities and advocating for community interaction with each other.

____ **Children's Librarian:** Assist the librarian in checking-in materials, organizing the children's sections in the Angels Room and lower hallway near the Prophets & Martyrs rooms, and provide recommendations for new purchases.

____ **Prayer Warrior:** Continually pray for the youth of St. Thomas Aquinas, and those who give their time leading and guiding the youth during their faith journey.

Do you have any additional skills, talents, or gifts that you are willing to share? You may not be called upon, but it's always good to know a carpenter, seamstress, musician, artist, or anything else:

