

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RCIA PROCESS**

### **Sharing the Journey - Building the Kingdom - Where is God Calling You?**

**To ensure that the RCIA Candidate and Catechumens are well served on their discernment journey, the parish assembly is needed in the following capacities:**

**Prayer Team Member** – Commit to spending regular prayer time in the comfort of your own home, as it fits into your schedule, to lift up the needs of the RCIA Team and participants. Intercessions will be emailed to you.

**Hospitality Coordinator** - Create a schedule for weekly snack volunteers; room set-up

**Snack Volunteers**– Provide the snack for a Wednesday evening RCIA gathering. Prepared in your own home and dropped off during the day at the parish office entrance (during office hours) or just prior to the session through the main Church entrance (6:00-6:30 pm).

**Set-Up Volunteers**– Room set-up: snack table; table décor on Wednesdays prior to evening sessions

**Catechist** – Attend weekly Wednesday evening RCIA sessions and become part of a supportive team that prepares a monthly presentation using Sacred Scripture (Bible) and Sacred Tradition (Catechism of the Catholic Church) sharing the rich teachings of the Catholic faith. Topics and dates will be chosen in consultation with the RCIA Coordinators and Catechist Coordinator. Help facilitate small group table discussion. Resources and training provided.

**Testimony/Witness** - Be willing to share your faith story on a Wednesday evening RCIA session as to how God is working in your life. Testimonies will be 15 minutes in length. A resource on “Giving Your Personal Testimony in an RCIA Setting” is provided. Testimonies should be submitted to the RCIA Coordinator and in consultation with you, be scheduled into a session where it will have the most impact.

**Small Group Facilitator**- Following the catechesis teaching on Wednesday evenings, a small group table discussion between sponsors and candidates will occur. Prepared discussions questions that are aligned with the topic of the evening will be made available. The facilitator will engage individuals in exploring the teachings using the discussions questions as a guide.

**Celebrations of the Word** (Catechumenate period) We require singers, musicians, proclaimers, on the Wednesday evening sessions. If you have gifts in these areas and are interested you would be placed in a rotating schedule as needed.

**Sponsor/Godparent**- Accompany and support a candidate on their faith journey, by attending weekly gatherings and participating in the rites throughout the process. Integrate the candidate into the parish life and activities. Training is available for support.

**Mass Dismissal Leader (Breaking Open the Word)-** This takes place during the Saturday evening/Sunday Masses following the Liturgy of the Word. Candidates and Catechumens are dismissed to Break open the Word of God and to experience more fully the impact of the scriptures in their lives. The Dismissal has a specified structure. Training is provided for leaders.

**Retreat Coordinator** – Choose the retreat theme and schedule speaker/date in consultation with the RCIA coordinators. Provide speaker with necessary set/up resources for the retreat. Arrange for stipend as needed in consultation with the RCIA Coordinator.

**Photographer/Videographer-** Photographers and videographers are needed at specific times throughout the process as Rites are being celebrated. Work with the RCIA coordinators in creating a photo plan. Prepare a year-end photo USB for participants

**Monetary Donations-** Perhaps you don't have a lot of extra time in your life right now; you can still impact an individual on their faith journey. A donation of \$20 will help the team to purchase a Catechism of the Catholic Church for use at the RCIA sessions to help facilitate Church teaching in a very tangible way. Place your \$20 Donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket on Sunday; clearly indicate that it is for "RCIA – Catechism of the Catholic Church".

**Casual Needs** – There may arise on special occasions throughout the process a one-time need to decorate, prepare food, tab bibles or other miscellaneous tasks.

**Thank you for prayerfully considering assisting in the above roles. Together, let us faithfully live out our baptismal call and build the Kingdom of God! If you are interested in any of the following areas, please email the RCIA Coordinator at [RCIA@resurrection.ca](mailto:RCIA@resurrection.ca)**