

**Sts. Thomas & Teresa Religious Education Program**  
**Parent Participation Form**

*"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute.  
The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2221)*

We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children, and *"receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children"* (CCC 2225). Therefore, we ask that you participate in your child's faith formation in one of more of the following volunteer opportunities. Please complete the following and return with the registration form.

Check all the boxes for which you want to participate. Please choose at least one.

- ☐ **Catechist** – Responsible for teaching lessons every Sunday, is familiar with teaching from a textbook, leads prayer, models the Catholic Christian life.
- ☐ **Assistant Catechist** – Helps the Catechist every Sunday with lessons, activities, snacks, classroom management, etc.
- ☐ **Substitute Catechist** – On call to substitute teach when a Catechist is not available; please mark grades willing to sub for:
  - ☐ Grades K-1
  - ☐ Grades 2-3
  - ☐ Grades 4-5
  - ☐ Grades 6-8
  - ☐ Grades 9-11
- ☐ **Retreat Team** – Assists in planning and executing retreats for various grades. May include set up/tear down, food pick up, on site for duration of retreat.
- ☐ **Chaperone** – Will be asked to attend various events when more adult chaperones are needed. At least one adult chaperone for every 10 children above fourth grade, and one adult for every 5 children in fourth grade and younger.
- ☐ **Religious Ed Office Assistant** – Available in the main office during religious education classes to assist in finding supplies, using the copy machine, lets people into the building while the doors are locked and signs them in.
- ☐ **Prayer Warrior** – Dedicates a time to pray specifically for the religious education program and our mission of making disciples.
- ☐ **Childcare Provider** – Babysit for young children during various adult faith formation events.
- ☐ **Children's Liturgy** – Lead the younger children of the parish at their level during the Mass.