

2020/2021



## St. John Neumann Middle School Faith Formation

# Join our Volunteer Team!

Rooted is the Middle School Faith Formation program at St. John Neumann parish. Rooted consists of a series of sessions which follow a retreat model. Through these sessions, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders participate in learning, fellowship, service, prayer, and fun; with a focus on becoming more ROOTED in their Catholic faith.

About 325 middle schoolers participate in the Rooted program each year and about 100 volunteers are needed to keep the program running smoothly. Please see the reverse side of this flyer for more specifics on volunteer roles.

Volunteers do NOT need prior experience, you just need to be a practicing Catholic and have a desire to pass along our faith to future generations.

Volunteers receive all training and materials needed. Waived Faith formation tuition and priority registration is given to all children of volunteers.

See the reverse for more information. Contact Angela Davis, Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation, with any questions (see below for contact info). Check out our website for more information and to register as part of the Rooted Volunteer Team!

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# BEFORE BEGINNING THE YEAR

All volunteers should expect to participate in the following (in addition to any role-specific training listed below):

- Completion of the Diocesan's child protection requirements which include paperwork, background checks, and attendance at a VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" seminar.
- Beginning of the Year Catechist / Volunteer Training

## SESSION SPECIFIC ROLES

- **Small Group Facilitator (SGF)** – Accompany a group of 8-10 students on their faith journey during the Rooted year. Facilitate small group faith sharing times along with ice breakers and team building activities during each session. Ensure that all students are comfortable and engaged. Attend SGF specific trainings (approximately 3 throughout the year). (SGFs are NOT expected to create lesson plans, lesson plans are emailed out ahead of time.)
- **SGF Floater** - Join with small groups during faith sharing and team building times to assist the Small Group Facilitator. When needed, fill-in as a substitute for SGFs if they are absent. Attend SGF specific trainings (approximately 3 throughout the year).
- **Station Leader** – Lead various activities and lessons during the rotating stations portion of the sessions and assist with large group programming. Attend Station Leader trainings (approximately 3 throughout the year). (Station Leaders are NOT expected to create lesson plans, lesson plans are emailed out ahead of time.)
- **Session Coordinator** – Assist with all aspects of the session as needed (mostly behind-the-scenes). Fill-in as substitutes for other volunteer roles when necessary. Assist with transitions and other tasks to keep sessions running smoothly. Attend SGF and/or Station Leader trainings as schedule permits.
- **Session Monitor** – Set-up, monitor, and clean-up snack. Act as a hall monitor during station rotations. Assist with clean-up during the closing.
- **Photographer / Media Coordinator** – Take and organize pictures and videos to create slide shows for Rooted. Assist with the bulletin board and contribute ideas for flyers, bulletin announcements, and social media posts. Possibly assist youth in becoming more involved in this aspect of the program.

## ROLES OUTSIDE OF SESSION TIMES

Non-session volunteers are welcome to also volunteer for other roles if possible.

- **Office Coordinator** – Assist with organizing supplies and paperwork in-between sessions. (THIS ROLE DOES NOT NEED TO WORK DURING SESSIONS AND CAN SET ALTERNATE SCHEDULES.)
- **Fund Raising Coordinator** - Work with a team to lead and assist with fund raising efforts for faith-in-action service projects throughout the year. Assist youth in becoming more involved in this aspect of the program. (THIS ROLE DOES NOT NEED TO WORK DURING SESSIONS AND CAN SET ALTERNATE SCHEDULES.)
- **Set-Up Coordinator** - Assist with supervising set-up volunteers (mostly youth) and ensuring that rooms are ready for sessions. (Sundays (B weeks) 12pm-1:30pm and/or Sundays (A weeks) 3:30pm-5pm)
- **OTHER** - Perhaps you have another idea for a way that you can be involved in the Rooted program. We would love to hear your thoughts

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