***Our Lady of the Magnificat Religious Education/Confirmation***

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**VOLUNTEER FORM**

Dear Parents,

As a parent, I know the demands on your time and talent. I remember all too well the struggles of getting everyone to where they need to go and getting dinner on the table and making sure the house runs efficiently. I have to say, having a 24-year-old has certainly made it a bit easier juggling most aspects of parenting. I also know the value of participating in our children’s faith formation. When we coach a sport or when we are a troop leader, we are sending a very loud and clear message to our children. The message is “this is very important, so much so, that I’m a leader in this part of your life”.

You can send that same message to your children about religion too. The gift you give your children when you volunteer to be a catechist/teacher for religious education or confirmation prep., you are setting them up for success for the rest of their life and more importantly for their afterlife in heaven. Your children’s faith will last them loooong after the extra-curriculum activities fade away.

Our wonderful and dedicated volunteers are at the heart of our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs. As our program continues to grow we are always in need of catechists, team catechists, and aides; as well as others who are willing to help.

There are many different areas to help. Please have a look at the form and see where you can help. Please fill out the form and return to us as soon as possible. PERK – tuition is 50% off for your first child if you become a catechist. Please pay the full tuition and you will be reimbursed the perk.

Please consider joining an incredible group of people. We are fun and truly enjoy our time together. You will get so much more out of it than you ever thought. It is a very rewarding ministry for **you** as well as for your children and the students. **You are needed!!** If not you – Who?? You will be trained and provided with all necessary materials. Oftentimes, we like to pair people together, so if you have a friend or spouse that you would like to co-teach with please have them join us as well.

If you want to talk this out with me or have any questions, please email dre@olmchurch.org.

Peace and joy,

**Mary Ramsden, DRE**

**OLM Religious Education/Confirmation Volunteer Form**

Volunteer's Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **CCD/Confirmation Catechist/Teacher** – Teach religious class alone or as part of a pair of teachers. High school students are encouraged to apply and receive service hours.

 Preferred grade(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preferred session \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sun. 10:00 – 11:15 AM Gr. 1-6

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mon. 4:30 – 5:45 PM Gr. 1-6

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sun. Conf. 6:45 – 8:15 PM Gr. 7 & 8

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **CCD/ Confirmation - Aide/Helper** – Work with a teacher helping in the classroom. High school students are encouraged to apply and receive service hours.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Substitute Teacher** – Teach a class when a teacher is absent. *Time commitment occasional*

 Preferred grade(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preferred session \_\_\_\_\_\_Sun. AM \_\_\_\_\_\_Mon. \_\_\_\_\_Sun. PM

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **At-Home Learning Parent Liaison** – Collect (not correct) homework assignments and log for

 completion. Email parents due date reminders. *Approx. 1 hour per week*.

 Preferred Grade: 1\_\_\_\_\_ 2\_\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_\_ 4\_\_\_\_\_ 5\_\_\_\_\_ 6\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday Music Teacher** – One Sunday a month engage children in liturgical/religious music. Work with

 Michael Pierce for suggestions if needed. *Approximately, 1 ½ hours per month.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Living Stations of the Cross –** *Time commitment = 2 Fridays before Palm Sunday, 6:30* – *8:30 PM, Palm Sunday,* *1* – *3 PM and 6:30* – *8:30ish.*

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Direct our readers to articulate and use voice inflection properly.

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Direct the lighting and stage crew.

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Assist students with costumes

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Retreat Chaperone -** Assist with retreats –including helping with small group discussions and special projects. All materials and help is provided. *Approx. time commitment 3-4 hrs. during event.*

 Preferred Grade: Grade 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Shopper -** on occasion may need a shopper to gather supplies for retreats, service projects or crafts. You will be reimbursed. *Approx. 1-2 Hrs. per event.* Gr. 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gr. 7 & 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Snack Set Up/Clean Up** –Assist with setting up snacks for service projects & retreats.

 *Time commitment approx. 2 hrs. per event.*

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Service Opportunity Events –** Work with DRE to implement meaningful service events at OLM.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Other Areas** – Share your gifts and talents with us. Let us know what you can share.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Other -** Call me as needed to help with events, programs, retreats.