

# Ministry Opportunities



Saint  
Katharine  
Drexel  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Open hands & loving hearts

**Mission Statement**

*Saint Katharine Drexel Parish pledges to be a Eucharist-centered, welcoming community, forming loving disciples, giving selflessly in realization of the kingdom of God.*

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)



## **Stewardship of Time & Talent**

In an effort to help parishioners make thoughtful and appropriate decisions about offering their time and talent, we provide this guide.

Here you will find:

- A comprehensive listing of ministry opportunities organized by areas of parish life including information on who can volunteer, any special skills required, and descriptions of responsibilities
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After you have:

- studied these opportunities for involvement
- prayerfully reflected on your ability to commit time and talent to a ministry
- discerned an appropriate match with parish needs

**Please complete:**

- **a *Time and Talent Form*** (*one for your entire family*)
- **applicable *Volunteer Registration*** at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) (*one registration per family member*)
- return necessary paperwork (e.g. references) to the Parish Office

We will forward your interest to the appropriate Ministry Leader who will be in touch regarding any additional information we may need and to answer any questions. If you have not heard from them within two weeks of returning your parish registration and Stewardship of Time & Talent form, please call the Parish Office at 301-360-9581 or email us at [stkatharinedrexel@saintdrexel.org](mailto:stkatharinedrexel@saintdrexel.org). Thank you for your service in support of the mission of Saint Katharine Drexel.

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### **Altar Linens**

- Who:** Adults with an interest and willingness to launder and press.
- What:** Laundering and pressing (at home) various linens used during Mass.
- When:** Every 4–6 weeks. Requires picking up soiled linens on assigned weekend *after* the 11:00 AM Mass and returning them (cleaned and pressed) the following weekend *before* the 5:00 PM Mass. Occasionally you will be asked to clean and press altar cloths (including those in the chapel).

### **Altar Servers**

- Who:** Youth, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and older, who are dependable and able to be attentive and reverent at Mass.
- What:** Assist the priest with the celebration of Mass and other liturgical celebrations so the liturgy runs smoothly and efficiently.
- When:** Approximately one Mass every 4-6 weeks as assigned; plus initial training and ongoing formation sessions.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (Adult Catechist)**

- Who:** Adults who enjoy working with early elementary aged children, teaching prayer and reflecting on the Word.
- What:** Share God's Word with children and assist them in understanding it. Help prepare the children for full Mass participation after the fourth grade.
- When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks; initial and ongoing training; CYP & VIRTUS training required.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (Youth Assistant)**

- Who:** Youth, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older, who are attentive and can be role models for younger children.
- What:** Assist the adult Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) leader in managing the children, including their safe and orderly passage between worship spaces.
- When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks; initial and ongoing training, Worthy of the Call training for those 14 to 17.

### **Exposition of the Eucharist (Minister)**

- Who:** Adult Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- What:** Responsible for setting up and taking down for Exposition. Serve as Prayer Leader for the hour of exposition
- When:** Ministers are asked to volunteer for one of our scheduled Expositions, usually one hour a week

### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

- Who:** Adults or Confirmed Youth who have a love and reverence for the Eucharist; You must have an ease in public settings; must be a Catholics in good standing who has received the sacraments of initiation which are Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.
- What:** Efficiently and respectfully assist the priest in the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass when the priest is unavailable or needs additional help.
- When:** As assigned; initial training and ongoing formation sessions.

### **Lector**

- Who:** Adults and Youth (9<sup>th</sup> Grade and older) with a love for God's Word and desire to study it more deeply; a clear speaking voice; ease speaking in public; dependable.
- What:** Ensure that the Scripture readings are proclaimed in such a way as to prompt careful examination and prayer-filled listening by the assembled faith community.
- When:** Approximately one Mass every 4-6 weeks as assigned; initial training; ongoing formation; personal time spent in study and reflection on the Word.

## **Liturgical Planning**

- Who:** Adults and Youth with a special interest and/or expertise in liturgy.
- What:** Join others in visioning, planning, and implementing the seasonal celebrations of our weekend liturgies.
- When:** Monthly meetings, liturgical study and reading on own.

## **Music Ministry: Adult & Children's Choirs, Youth Band, Instrumentalist, Cantor**

- Who:** Talented Adults and Youth.
- What:** Lead the congregation in song and praise, and encourage musical participation by all present.
- When:** Adult Choir – Rehearsals every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Sing at 9:00 and 11:00 Mass on alternating Sundays. Members are also expected to sing at the 6:00 Christmas Eve mass and the Easter Vigil mass.

Cantors – Rehearsals as needed. Cantors are scheduled for Masses as needed/requested, usually once or twice a month.

Children's Choir – Rehearsals Sundays from 10:15 – 10:45. Sing one Sunday a month at the 11:00 mass. Members are also expected to sing at the 4:00 Christmas Eve mass, and the 11:00 Easter Sunday mass.

Instrumentalists – Rehearsals and Mass schedules vary.

Youth Band – Rehearsals Sundays from 12:15 – 1:15. Provide music for one 11:00 mass a month. Open to youth and young adult singers and instrumentalists.

## **Sacristan**

- Who:** Adults with a caring eye for detail; organizational skills; outgoing personality; ability to manage people; and a desire to help “behind the scenes”.
- What:** Coordinate the various liturgical ministers at Mass and also welcome and assist parishioners participating in special events such as Baptisms and First Communions. See that vessels and are cleaned.
- When:** One Mass every 3-4 weeks (arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass and remain a few minutes after Mass); initial training and ongoing formation.

## **Usher**

- Who:** Families, couples, and individuals who have outgoing and warm personalities; an ability to see Christ in all people; dependability; desire to assist others and contribute to the smooth celebration of the Mass.
- What:** Offer hospitality to parishioners and guests by welcoming everyone with a smile and a greeting; distribute hymnals and other items needed for special events; discreetly assist with seating and the smooth flow of the liturgical ritual; be attentive to visitors and those with special needs; and offer weekly bulletins after Mass.
- When:** One Mass every other weekend (arrive 30 minutes before Mass and remain a few minutes after Mass); initial training and ongoing formation.

## **Video Ministry**

- Who:** Technologically savvy youth and adults, with attention to detail.
- What:** Operate our LCD projector and computer during weekend Masses for displaying song lyrics, prayers, and other announcements. Training provided.
- When:** With a rotating crew, volunteers would work several Masses each month, arriving about 15 to 30 minutes prior to Mass.

## **White Glove Ministry**

- Who:** Adults who desire to assist with keeping our sacred space clean.
- What:** Perform light dusting, sweeping, and general housekeeping in the church building.
- When:** Once a month for about 1-1.5 hours

## **Worship Environment**

- Who:** Adults with a love for liturgy, a good sense of ritual, organizational skills, an eye for beauty and tasteful creativity with flowers, plants, fabric, etc.
- What:** Assist with planning and preparing seasonal decorations which enhance the atmosphere of hospitality and establish the mood for participation in the liturgy. Decorations include flower arrangements and live plants.
- When:** Varies by liturgical season, more time required during Advent and Lent. Occasional or ongoing commitments are welcome.

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### **African Faith Community**

- Who:** Anyone interested in sharing in the rich diversity of our Parish.
- What:** Organized by our African families to join together in community, in prayer, and in support of each other, and to welcome new African immigrant families into our parish. Members contribute their talents to our Music Ministry, and host events to share their culture and faith.
- When:** Twice-monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons.

### **Coffee & Donuts (a Kate's Café Ministry)**

- Who:** Families and individuals who are friendly and dependable.
- What:** Pick-up donuts, set-up, make coffee, and clean-up for this social hour between Masses each Sunday in the Narthex (Kate's Café).
- When:** Eight Sundays per year; arrive by 8:30 am for set-up, typically finished by 10:30 am.

### **Elder Outreach**

- Who:** Parishioners willing to be a point of contact with our elder parish community, friendly and compassionate.
- What:** Making phone calls to check in, coordinate necessary follow-up, be a listening ear, and provide support.
- When:** Bi-weekly phone calls to one or two parishioners. Training and support provided.

### **Holy Spirits (a Kate's Café Ministry)**

- Who:** Adults who are friendly and dependable.
- What:** Set-up for monthly tastings of adult beverages including wine, sangria, or home brewed beer, and clean-up after this social hour following the 5:00 PM Mass, which occurs on one Saturday each month in the Narthex (Kate's Café).
- When:** Two to three Saturdays per year; arrive by 4:30 pm for set-up, typically finished by 7:00 pm.

## **Kate's Café (see Coffee & Donuts, Holy Spirits)**

### **Kate's Kids! (Adult Catechist)**

**Who:** Adults who enjoy working with pre-school aged children.

**What:** Provide an age-appropriate catechetical experience and instruction for young children during Mass time using provided teaching materials.

**When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks, initial and ongoing training, CYP & VIRTUS training required, approximately one hour class preparation time at home (materials provided).

### **Kate's Kids! (Youth Assistant)**

**Who:** Youth, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older, who enjoy playing with and caring for pre-school aged children.

**What:** Assist the adult leader in providing activities and in caring for the children.

**When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks; initial training, Worthy of the Call training for those 14 to 17.

### **Kate's Special Buddies (Adult Catechist)**

**Who:** Adults who enjoy working with children, youth, & adults who are intellectually/developmentally disabled.

**What:** Provide a developmentally appropriate catechetical experience in a least restrictive environment for disabled parishioners during Mass time using provided teaching materials.

**When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks, initial & ongoing training, CYP & VIRTUS training required, approximately one hour class time and some preparation time at home (materials provided).

### **Kate's Special Buddies (Youth Assistant)**

**Who:** High School teens who enjoy interacting with the intellectually/developmentally disabled.

**What:** Assist the adult leader in providing lesson & activities in a warm, friendly, & caring environment.

**When:** One Mass every 4 weeks; initial training, Worthy of the Call training required.

### **Nursery (Adult Helper)**

- Who:** Adults who enjoy playing with and caring for infants and toddlers.
- What:** Provide quality babysitting during Mass to allow parents to fully participate in the celebration of Eucharist.
- When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks; initial training; CYP & VIRTUS training required.

### **Nursery (Youth Helper)**

- Who:** Youth, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and older, who enjoy playing with and caring for infants and toddlers.
- What:** Assist the adult caregiver in the nursery.
- When:** One Mass every 4-6 weeks, initial training, Worthy of the Call training for those 14 to 17.

### **Office Volunteers**

- Who:** Adults who are welcoming and friendly, with pleasant phone skills, and are comfortable in an office environment, with photocopier, fax, etc. Computer skills are a plus!
- What:** Help the parish office run smoothly by answering and placing phone calls, greeting visitors, stuffing bulletins, preparing parish mailings, assembling craft activities for children's ministries, etc.
- When:** Varies by need and the volunteer's availability; initial and ongoing training.

### **Social Activities**

- Who:** Adults who are dedicated to building our community.
- What:** Promote a strong sense of being a welcoming parish community through the coordination of fun and faith-filled activities for all ages including our Parish Picnic, Volunteer Appreciation Party, Team Trivia Challenge, Variety Show, and Pentecost Breakfast among other events.
- When:** Varies depending on volunteer's availability; monthly planning meetings.

### **Vacation Bible School (Adult Volunteer)**

- Who:** Energetic and enthusiastic adults, who enjoy working with young children.
- What:** Lead/assist with activities and/or accompany a small group of children from activity to activity.
- When:** One or two planning meetings prior to VBS; five consecutive mornings during the week of VBS (offered in the summer); CYP & VIRTUS training required.

### **Vacation Bible School (Youth Assistants)**

- Who:** Youth, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older, who will act as role models and mentors for young children.
- What:** Assist the adult leaders in providing activities for the children at VBS.
- When:** Five consecutive mornings during the summer and Worthy of the Call training for those ages 14 to 17.

### **Website/Social Media**

- Who:** Adults and teens with an understanding of Website development and design; Social Media; or interest in writing and/or photography.
- What:** Assist in maintaining parish website and Social Media pages, providing pictures and narrative from parish events, and sharing all that is happening in our parish to inform and welcome the wider community.
- When:** Varies depending on volunteer's availability and skills.

### **Welcome Center**

- Who:** Adults with a friendly, welcoming personality; dependability, familiarity with parish events and materials available.
- What:** Be available to welcome visitors and parishioners prior to and after Mass and answer questions regarding parish life. Help to generate interest in the parish and parish events. Responsible for collecting information from parishioners and others so there can be follow-up, as well as collecting money, as required, for books and other materials.
- When:** One Mass each month plus ongoing training.

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### **Adult Faith Formation**

- Who:** Adults with an understanding and appreciation of *Whole Community Catechesis*; a desire to learn, to grow in discipleship, and to support others on their journey of faith.
- What:** Evaluate current issues and options through various programs, and creatively envision and plan further ideas for community faith development.
- When:** Monthly meetings for visioning, planning, and implementing faith formation programs for adults and children of all ages; some sub-committee work between meetings.

### **Bensalem Group Facilitator**

- Who:** Adults with an ability to lead a group, listen, pray, and share faith comfortably; an inviting and welcoming personality, willingness to prepare for gatherings.
- What:** Facilitate small faith community gatherings. Essential elements include sharing, learning, mutual support, prayer, and mission.
- When:** Most groups meet once per month for about one to two hours. Preparation for facilitation may take additional time; initial and ongoing training.

### **Children & Youth Faith Formation: Catechist & Aide**

- Who:** Adults who enjoy working with children. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.
- What:** Provide catechetical instruction for children, or provide classroom assistance to a catechist.
- When:** Class time; preparation time; initial training; CYP & VIRTUS training required; and ongoing catechist formation.

### **Christian Family Movement**

- Who:** Parents interested in connecting with other parish families
- What:** Facilitate a Christian Family Movement group of 4-6 families bringing parents together for faith sharing.
- When:** Monthly as scheduled by the facilitator and the family group.

### **Confirmation Preparation for Adults**

- Who:** Adults with the ability to listen and help people feel at ease, and knowledge of Catholic teaching.
- What:** Participate in activities that provide opportunities for catechesis and formation for adult Catholics preparing for Confirmation.
- When:** Varies depending on need, typically no more than a six week commitment.

### **Confirmation Preparation for Youth: Catechist, Mentor, Volunteer**

- Who:** Adults who enjoy working with youth; an ability to articulate faith in a credible way.
- What:** Varies depending on involvement, but could include: Provide catechetical instruction for youth preparing for Confirmation or aid catechists; Accompany youth on retreat and pilgrimage; Assist youth with service activities; Mentor youth preparing for Confirmation.
- When:** Varies depending on involvement, but could include: Class time; preparation time; one overnight retreat and day long pilgrimage; initial training; CYP & VIRTUS training required; and ongoing catechist formation.

### **Infant Baptism Preparation**

- Who:** Adults with an ability to comfortably share faith in small group setting.
- What:** Lead parents in group discussions about their faith journeys, the meaning of Baptism, and the critical role parents play in their children's faith development.
- When:** Six 2-hour sessions per year, preparation time, initial and ongoing training.

### **Reconciliation/First Eucharist Preparation**

- Who:** Adults with a strong faith background who working with young children.
- What:** Lead one retreat activity designed for children preparing for sacraments.
- When:** One or two 2-hour retreats per year; CYP & VIRTUS Training required.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for Children (RCIC)**

- Who:** Adults with mature faith, enthusiasm for our Catholic Tradition, ability to witness to the Gospel & share one's of faith and prayer with a strong sense of community, ability to witness to the Gospel, love of the Catholic tradition, and good listeners.
- What:** Facilitate the process of welcoming new members into our Roman Catholic community through initiation sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. May include leading formation sessions, being a sponsor, leading prayer and scripture reflections, or providing hospitality.
- When:** Varies depending on volunteer's availability. RCIA sessions are held weekly throughout the year. CYP & VIRTUS training may be required.

### **Sponsor Couple for the Engaged (Marriage Preparation)**

- Who:** Married Couples with an ability to listen well and share experiences; an ability to provide hospitality to engaged couples in your home.
- What:** Help engaged couples prepare for sacramental marriage by sharing marriage experiences and insights.
- When:** Approximately 5 sessions in your home per couple. Schedule varies depending on demand and availability. Initial and ongoing training is provided.

### **Young Adult Ministry Team**

- Who:** Adults who enjoy working with young adults, hospitality, organizational & advertising expertise, ability to collaborate.
- What:** Provide welcome and outreach to young adult Catholics in the parish, offer organizational support and direction, assist with planning and implementation of events at the parish and regional level.
- When:** Approximately one organizational meeting every other month, attendance at monthly gatherings.

## **Youth Ministry Team: Adult Leadership, Volunteer, Catechist**

- Who:** Adults who enjoy working with Middle School and High School aged youth; an ability to articulate faith in a credible way; additionally, there are chances to use or develop skills in team building, music and drama, leading prayer, sports, service, teaching, storytelling, camping, rafting, skiing, juggling, and fire-eating (in other words, the sky is the limit!)
- What:** Varies depending on involvement, but could include: assisting with or running Youth Groups; planning and/or chaperoning activities in the areas of community service and social justice, prayer and worship, music and drama, social and recreational, or lock-ins and retreats; providing catechetical instruction for youth in our parish, or providing classroom assistance to a catechist; monthly planning meetings.
- When:** Varies depending on involvement but could include: youth groups, class time, preparation time, initial training, ongoing youth ministry formation, planning meetings; CYP & VIRTUS training required.

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### **Financial Stewardship Committee**

- Who:** Adults who are committed parishioners, who have a passion for the mission of the Church, and who model sacrificial giving in their own lives.
- What:** Study parishioner giving patterns; create plans for developing the resources needed for our parish to fulfill its stated mission; develop an annual case of support that is consistent with that mission; organize and make available various methods for parishioner giving.
- When:** Quarterly meetings.

### **Bereavement Ministry (a Caring Connections Ministry)**

- Who:** Caring adults who have a strong desire to help and comfort others prior to, during and after the loss of a loved one.
- What:** To share God's love with those parishioners who are experiencing grief because of the loss of a loved one.
- When:** As needed.

### **Caring Connections (see Bereavement, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound and Nursing Homes, Health Care, Helping Hands, Nursing Home Ministry, Samaritan Ministry)**

### **Cemetery Committee**

- Who:** Adults with an interest in cemetery development and management, as well as parish prayer gardens.
- What:** Assist in organizing maintenance and developing a Master Plan for future development of our parish cemetery area as a prayer garden, including a columbarium, labyrinth, and preserving the current graves and burial markers.
- When:** Quarterly meetings.

## **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound and Nursing Homes (a Caring Connections Ministry)**

- Who:** Adults or Confirmed youth who would be empathetic and compassionate; can be a good listener and sensitive to the person's spiritual, emotional and physical needs.
- What:** Catholic lay ministers appointed to become the link between the parish community and the members who are sick and homebound by visiting and bringing the Eucharist to those who cannot be present at Mass.
- When:** As your schedule permits; initial training and ongoing formation sessions; CYP and VIRTUS training may be required.

## **Finance Committee**

- Who:** Adults, who will be selected by Pastor, possessing background in accounting, banking, finance or business ownership.
- What:** Serve as advisor to the Pastor in preparing the annual parish budget and reviewing our progress during the year. Positions are filled as needed by the Pastor.
- When:** Quarterly meetings or as needed.

## **Food Bank & Clothing Collection**

- Who:** Families and individuals able to carry groceries and clothing; dependable; with reliable transportation.
- What:** Transport food and clothing donations collected at Mass each weekend to the local food bank and shelter.
- When:** One Sunday every eight weeks.

## **Fund Raising Committee**

- Who:** Creative, adult parishioners with a strong desire to help Saint Katharine Drexel Church grow financially and socially through fellowship with other parishioners.
- What:** The Fund Raising committee is made up of individuals who like to have fun by planning and implementing fellowship events to help the financial needs of the parish.
- When:** Periodic meetings for specific events. Individual does not have to participate in the planning of every event.

### **Health Care (a Caring Connections Ministry)**

**Who:** Adults with experience and education in health-related fields, especially Nursing

**What:** Semi-annual opportunities to assist at the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at weekend Masses; provide activities to enhance the health and well-being of parishioners and serve the wider community, such as Blood Pressure Screenings, Health Fairs, Blood Drives etc. Offer holistic healthcare which may include for individual parishioners: assessing health needs, identifying health problems and planning strategies that address these needs; education of the wider community.

**When:** Quarterly meetings; volunteer as activities require.

### **Helping Hands (a Caring Connections Ministry)**

**Who:** Adults who can provide a caring presence to parishioners in need.

**What:** Provide personal aid to parishioners for short term needs, which may include transportation to Mass or a doctor's appointment, running errands, sitting with the ill or elderly, providing respite care, a meal or light housekeeping.

**When:** As needed, based on the volunteer's availability.

### **Landscaping Committee**

**Who:** Adults with love of outdoors; green thumb optional; and interest in seeing grounds continuously beautified.

**What:** Organize manpower to maintain Parish & School grounds; plan for future gardening, and landscaping opportunities.

**When:** The need for labor will occur primarily in the spring and fall, weeding as needed and planning meetings when necessary.

### **Nursing Home Ministry (a Caring Connections Ministry)**

**Who:** Adults who have a love for our senior members, who are comfortable praying with others, are good listeners, and can support those struggling with their health.

**What:** Visiting and bringing the Eucharist to Catholics living in area nursing and rehabilitation centers within our parish; assisting in bringing Catholic residents from their rooms for monthly Masses; facilitating other supportive activities.

**When:** Weekly visiting and monthly Masses; other specially scheduled events.

## **Pastoral Council**

- Who:** Adults and confirmed youth, elected by parishioners, who have an ability to lead, possess strategic planning skills, ability to collaborate, contribute “time, talent, and treasure”, willing to engage in ongoing training and personal development, and have a depth of spirituality.
- What:** Act as an advisor to the pastor. Provide guidance on the creation, implementation, and maintenance of Parish planning and programs.
- When:** Three-year term with monthly meetings; occasional work between meetings.

## **Property Management Committee**

- Who:** Adults with a background in Property Management and/or reviewing contracts, landscape plans, etc.
- What:** Oversee Parish & School property needs including Master Planning, project review, and maintenance.
- When:** Bi-monthly meetings of approximately two hours.

## **Saint Vincent DePaul Society**

- Who:** Adults who desire to work with those in need, with an understanding, compassionate heart.
- What:** Provide hands-on service to the poor by assisting them with emergency needs at the ministry office located in downtown Frederick, at Saint John the Evangelist.
- When:** One or two days every six weeks; monthly meetings; initial training.

## **Samaritan Ministry (a Caring Connections Ministry)**

- Who:** Adults with an understanding, compassionate heart who can manage confidential information while assisting parishioners in need.
- What:** Provide hands-on assistance to parishioners facing housing or financial crises by evaluating need, offering counseling, and connecting them with appropriate services and support.
- When:** As needed.

## **Social Justice**

- Who:** Adults and Youth with a passion for social justice; an understanding heart.
- What:** Plan and implement parish projects that promote peace & justice in the local community and the world.
- When:** Varies by project; monthly planning meetings.

## ***Child & Youth Protection (CYP)***

### **Is there required training?**

Yes. To comply with the Archdiocesan policy for the Protection of Children & Youth, some of the ministries detailed in this booklet require additional training. We conduct this training in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Baltimore as part of our efforts to ensure a safe environment. We require the training for anyone who works in a ministry having substantial contact with children, and require all volunteers to be familiar with the policy.

### **What do we need from you?**

- ✓ **Register** to volunteer at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and complete required training and criminal history screening consent if your ministry involves substantial contact with children
- ✓ **References** (3 for each volunteer, if required) available at [http://storage.cloversites.com/saintkatharinedrexelcatholicchurch/documents/Volunteer%20Reference%20Check%20\(2014\).doc](http://storage.cloversites.com/saintkatharinedrexelcatholicchurch/documents/Volunteer%20Reference%20Check%20(2014).doc)
- ✓ **Worthy of the Call training** (for volunteers age 14 to 17) and necessary paperwork\*

*\*Worthy of the Call is not available online. Please contact the parish office for information on this training.*

Additional information on the Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth is available at the Information Center, in the Parish Office, or online at: <http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/volunteers/>

**Important!** Backgrounds check (adults only) and Virtus or Worthy of the Call training must be completed prior to beginning service with a ministry that involves substantial contact with children. For adults who do not have a social security number, fingerprinting will be necessary.

We accept training and background checks completed at other parishes and schools within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Please designate Saint Katharine Drexel as a location in your Shield the Vulnerable account. We shall not substitute other training or criminal history screening.

If you have any questions or problems regarding online registration, training, or any of the required documents, please contact the parish office at [stkatharinedrexel@saintdrexel.org](mailto:stkatharinedrexel@saintdrexel.org) or call 301-360-9581.

## **Parish Organizations**

Saint Katharine Drexel also has several organizations which you can join. They include:

**Drexel Voyagers (Seniors and Active Adults)**

**Knights of Columbus (Catholic Men)**

**Katie's Ladies (Adult Women)**

**Scouting (Varies by age)**

**Boy Scouts**

**Cub Scouts**

**Girl Scouts**

**Venture Scouts**

Please watch the bulletin and our Parish Website for information about how to join any upcoming events.

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