

# Sacramental Accountability Partner Description

## **Description**

Sacramental Accountability Partners (SAP) will walk along side and minister to families as the parents endeavor to raise their children in the faith. While the SAP will assist and be a resource to families, they will not become the primary educator of the family. The role of a SAP is to help the family stay on track, persevere through hard times, and provide advice and guidance when needed. This will look different for each family based on the family's needs.

Therefore, in order to know the needs of the family, the SAP will need to develop a relationship with them. As such, it is encouraged the SAPs meet with their assigned families frequently. It is then up to the SAP to discern how best to assist the family based off what it is the family needs assistance with. Under the title "Ways to Help" you will find some ideas on how to assist families as a SAP.

## **Responsibilities**

- Support and guide the family in the Catholic Faith
- Meet with family at least once a month to form relationship
- Prepare to assist family in growing in knowledge and love of the Catholic faith by following the [\*Heart and Soul: Monthly Catechetical Resource\*](#)
- Help keep families motivated and on track in educating their children in the Catholic Faith
- Provide email updates to Director of Evangelization (EJ) (can include successes and struggles with the family)
- Continue practice the Catholic faith and seek virtue in everyday life.

## **Qualifications**

***In order to be a SAP you must:***

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Possess knowledge of and practice the Catholic Church's teachings
- Be a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish
- Be Virtus Certified
- Work well with others
- Work well with children of all ages
- Be willing to be at the service of families when needed

## **Ways to Help (Ideas that you can use while assisting families)**

- Attend Mass with the family
- Attend Holy Hour with the family
- Have a Bible or book study with the family
- Provide faith related crafts for the children of the family
- Help the family celebrate feast days
- Pray for and with the family
- Attend *FIDE* Nights with the family (See [\*Heart and Soul: Monthly Catechetical Resource\*](#))
- Have discussions with the family about question and concerns regarding the Catholic faith.

