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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

ALTAR SERVER

The Altar Server ministry is for boys and girls 4th grade and up. In addition to serving at Masses, they assist Father in the preparation and clean-up of the sanctuary area of the church before and after Masses.

GREETER

The Greeter ministry is simply being present at the entrance to welcome people as they arrive for Mass. A warm hand shake or just a greeting, whatever you feel comfortable doing in our worshipping family. Current schedules and a master list with phone numbers are on the info table. If you cannot keep your appointed Sunday, we ask that you be responsible for finding a substitute.

LITURGICAL ART / ENVIRONMENT

Those who are involved with the art/environment will work and plan with the Pastor how to best prepare and decorate the church for the different liturgical seasons.

LITURGY PLANNING COMMITTEE

This group meets to review the upcoming liturgical readings and then chooses music to compliment the readings for the upcoming Sundays.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music ministry offers great opportunity for giving of time and talent. Instrumentalists are needed to accompany the singing at Mass. Guitarists and pianists are especially needed and they play in a rotation of Masses. Singers are urged to consider cantoring, which includes leading hymns and acclamations and singing the psalms at Mass, as well as being members of the youth or adult choir.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Members of the parish are welcome to take part in the Mass by bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during our celebrations of the Eucharist. Each week a different family or group of volunteers takes part in this ministry.

LECTOR / PROCLAIMER

The Lector ministry involves proclaiming the Word of God during Mass and during special occasions such as Holy Week. Two people are assigned for each Mass. One proclaims the first Reading. The second lector leads the prayers of the faithful. [A Workbook for lectors and Gospel Readers](#) is provided to all lectors in order to be familiar with and rehearse their readings prior to Mass. No previous experience is required and some training is required.

USHERS

The Ushers are responsible for seating parishioners, passing collection baskets, handing out bulletins, replacing hymnals and checking seat rows after Mass.

PRAYER LINE

Members of this ministry are given the opportunity to pray for those in need. At the request of prayer, each member calls or receives an e-mail with intentions to be prayed for. Once information is received, we begin praying immediately, with no visiting, so the flow of our intercessory prayer is heard by God. If you would like to join us in prayer, please indicate whether you would prefer to receive the request by phone or e-mail. Include your email address if you should choose to go this route.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open from 7:00am until 9:00pm during the week (M-F). Perpetual Adoration begins at 5:00pm on Fridays and continues until 2:00pm on Saturdays. Anytime we spend before our Lord Jesus in prayer, we receive abundant grace for our families and Church. Would you watch for just one hour?

FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS

At the time of death, it is customary (if the family wishes) to have the recitation of the rosary as part of the whole service. We invite adults who feel they could do this, to represent our entire parish in leading this part of the wake service.

EDUCATION AND FORMATION

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Members of the Catholic School Council act as consultants to the pastor and principal in matters pertaining to the school. They assist the principal in developing and communicating the school's vision and mission; they help develop and facilitate a strategic plan addressing the area of Catholicity, curriculums, personnel, facilities, finance, and public relations; and they strive to strengthen the image of the school through informative and interactive public relations. All members of the school council must attend the mandatory training session conducted by the diocesan superintendent of schools.

H.S.A. HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Home & School Association consists of the Holy Spirit Catholic School families and teachers, whose goal is to support school activities such as Fun Night and the First Communion reception. We also support student activities such as field trips, parade floats, classroom celebrations and other teacher/principal requested activities. We have two fundraisers during the year, the Italian Dinner in October and the Benefit Auction in the spring. We hope to see you at school or one of our many events.

PSR/RE COUNCIL

Members of the PSR Council assist by advising the pastor about the Religious Education program provided for all of our parish children that attend public schools, or are home schooled by parents. In addition to consulting with the pastor about the program, they are instrumental in encouraging parental support and participation among the other parents in our parish. They are also responsible for coordinating some of the PSR events that take place each year such as registration and the annual PSR picnic at the end of the year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHIST

The Religious Education Catechist teaches during the school year, weekly religious education instruction to school age children in the parish. Training is provided through the Catholic Diocese of

Wichita and local in-service gatherings that the parish provides also. Supplies and books are provided through the parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEER

Other important persons of our Religious Education program are those who aide in the classroom, baby-sit catechist's children, substitute, drive for field trips, bake/serve or give their time to help with the year-end picnic. The tasks and time commitments are various, yet each is very important for the success of the program.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FACILITATORS

Baptismal Preparation Facilitators conduct a one hour course for new parents or parents-to-be seeking baptism for their child or children. A video, pamphlet and questionnaire provide a spring-board for open discussion on the sacrament. Baptismal Preparation Classes are offered once a month.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

The Rite of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the Living God and enter the way of life and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully. The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. By joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion, the faithful provide an example that will help the Catechumens to be more open to the Holy Spirit.

R.C.I.A. SPONSOR / VOLUNTEER / CATECHIST

R.C.I.A. Sponsors journey with the candidates and catechumens in their movement towards conversion. They offer personal insight, support and encouragement by their own commitment to the faith, that these individuals will one day share in as well.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is a time for the children of the parish and community (ages 4 thru 5th grade during the upcoming school year) to come together in the summer to learn about Christ, the Bible and the Church. We do this through crafts, songs, recreation and variety of fun activities. A mid-morning snack is served. This is a great opportunity for stewardship! Volunteers range in age from 12 years old to adult and do a wide range of tasks—from teaching and assisting to preparing craft supplies and providing refreshments. Babysitting is provided for the volunteers. The goal of Vacation Bible School is two-fold: to help form our children in our faith and to be a time of fun and fellowship for the children and adults alike!

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult education is for everyone. It is the opportunity to obtain more information about one's faith, receive an update or refresher about Catholic beliefs and practices. We try to provide a diversity of Catholic continuing education through qualified speakers. It is an opportunity to learn, grow and build community. Though attending adult education opportunities may not sound like stewardship, in reality it is very much an act of stewardship because of the time spent learning more about our Catholic Christian faith. From the knowledge gained by these classes/programs one can strengthen his/her faith which continues to build up the Body of Christ. Throughout the year there are many different classes, programs, etc. that are offered to the adults of our parish. Some of these are on site, while others may take place at other parishes or the Spiritual Life Center. Please watch the bulletin for opportunities.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

We have two adult Bible Study programs. One meets in the morning, the other meets in the evening. Both sessions use the Little Rock Scripture Study program which is designed for parish

use. As Catholics it is very important for us to know and appreciate Sacred Scripture as best as we can, since it is the first pillar of our faith. These programs provide a practical and thorough look at the scriptures we use in our everyday lives, both liturgically and spiritually. The materials are well put together and easy to follow in small or large settings. Days and times may vary so contacting the facilitators would be advised.

FAMILY LIFE

HARVEST HOUSE

Harvest House is a movement (embodied by parish centers) for adults 55 years of age or older and younger spouses of those 55.

Harvest House goals are:

- 1) Social Awareness - Reminding members that they are still first-class citizens with talent and experience to offer, and to help them feel good about themselves.
- 2) Service - Helping one another and volunteering time and talent in our parish and community.
- 3) New Religious Experience - Providing opportunities to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer groups, pilgrimages to other churches, religious films, communal anointing, etc.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (BE)

The Beginning Experience Weekend is a program for those who have been married and are now single because of divorce, separation or the death of a spouse. The weekend creates a space for separated, divorced or widowed people to come together in a caring, supportive atmosphere. It gives them time to re-evaluate themselves and their lives, and to look to the future with renewed hope. The weekend is for people who have worked through the initial stages of denial, anger, despair and rejection and for those who have found themselves stuck at point in their journey. Recommended time from loss before a weekend is usually six months to one year. For people whose loss is more recent, Coping sessions are recommended.

YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (YABE)

The Young Adult Beginning Experience is for young adults 14 years of age or older who have experienced a parental loss through death, divorce, or separation. It is a weekend peer ministry retreat that provides a safe environment in order to walk through the grief process by small group dialogue, private reflection, and group discussion. Two weekend retreats are held yearly at the Spiritual Life Center. The retreat starts Friday evening and

goes through until Sunday afternoon. The cost is \$65 which includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available upon request so that no one is denied the opportunity to attend. You may contact Marnie at 316-729-4437 or Kathy at 316-777-0970 for additional information. The next retreat will be March 17-19, 2006.

CURSILLO

The Cursillo Movement is an instrument of the Catholic Church for the revitalization of Christian life. Its purpose is to train Woman and men of faith to be effective apostles of Jesus Christ, willing to try to re-Christianize which they live. The 3-day Cursillo weekends are held at the Spiritual Life Center several times throughout the year. By means of talks and the sharing team members, small group discussion, prayer and sacrament, the groundwork is laid for the building of community, opportunities for personal conversion, instilling the notion of service for the Kingdom and opportunities for building a stronger relationship with God and others.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

Teens Encounter Christ is a spiritual renewal program offered by the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. TEC is a weekend retreat that is designed to help teens become more aware of the presence of Jesus in their life. Through talks, group participation, discussion, chapel visits, liturgy, individual reflection and prayer you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord and learn more about the Catholic faith.

SOJOURN

Sojourn is a weekend retreat experience for young adults ages 18-35. It is an excellent opportunity to recognize the mystery of God's presence in our lives by reflecting our life experiences in the light of Word and Sacrament.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER (EE)

Engaged Encounter is an investment in your future - a weekend in which an atmosphere is created for each couple to concentrate exclusively on one another, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of daily living. It is a quiet weekend, specifically designed to give you, as a couple planning marriage, an opportunity to talk honestly and intensively about your prospective lives together - your weaknesses and your strengths; your desires, ambitions, goals; your attitudes about God, education, sex, money, children, family; your role in the Church and society in a face-to-face way. The weekend encourages the couple to concentrate on building a relationship. The couples are encouraged to communicate in terms of planning marriage, not only a wedding day celebration, for "A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime." Engaged Encounter creates enthusiasm for other marriage preparations and instructions by the parish priest. The weekend is Catholic oriented and is presented by two Catholic couples and a priest. Anyone eligible for the Diocesan marriage preparation program is eligible for the weekend. Engaged Encounter weekends are held regularly throughout the year. The weekend begins Friday evening around 8:00pm and concludes Sunday at approximately 3:30pm. Weekends are limited in size, and as they often fill rapidly it is advisable to schedule well in advance (4 to 6 months prior to the wedding date is recommended). Weekends are held at the Spiritual Life Center.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME)

A Marriage Encounter in a weekend away from the daily distractions and stresses of everyday life where a couple is shown a technique of communication which can help them examine their lives together. The Marriage Encounter is for any couple who desires to better their marriage or who wish to deepen their love and improve their communication. All married couples deserve a Marriage Encounter weekend. It will strengthen your relationship with your spouse and start you down a new path of more open and loving communication. Married couples also need to learn

about the Sacrament of Marriage and the important role we have, not only to each other as husband and wife, but also to our families and our community. The weekends are held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a weekend experience for couples in troubled marriages. The weekend is designed to help participants make a new start in communicating, forgiving and growing. It is presented by three married couples and a priest. For more information, call the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita (744-0167).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Ovulation method of Natural Family Planning is a means through which a couple may choose to achieve or avoid pregnancy in a way which cooperates with their own natural fertility process. The Ovulation Method is the most precise of natural methods and is unique because it can be used throughout all stages of reproductive life, whether the woman's cycles are regular or irregular. A couple is introduced to the method by attending a one hour slide presentation which highlights the basic principles of the method. At individual follow-up sessions, the couple then learns to apply the method for their needs. A couple may expect to learn a greater appreciation for the gift of their own fertility and experience a greater depth of communication and commitment in their marriage. Cost for the materials and follow-up sessions is minimal.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

The mission of Hospice is to help people live their final days with dignity and comfort with family and friends. Hospice offers a comprehensive and coordinated program of services in both home and in-patient settings. Physical, psychological, social and spiritual care are available from a medically-directed interdisciplinary team consisting of physician, nurses, health care aides, social workers, pastoral counselors and volunteers. Persons involved

with the Volunteer Program are a part of that interdisciplinary team and serve in patient care by visiting patients in the home, providing transportation and emotional support. Volunteers in the Bereavement Program offer reassurance and support of recently bereaved family members. Some people are staff support by helping in the office, and others can be involved with Connect Care which works with AIDS and HIV positive patients. Training is required and volunteers can serve within their community.

VISION

VISION Catholic Singles is the Diocesan Single organization of Wichita. The focus of VISION is to build community and friendship among Catholic singles from all of the parishes in the Diocese through a variety of social activities and through community service. This is not a dating organization. This organization's intent is to spark enthusiasm about our faith in Catholic Singles - too often it is too easy for Catholic Singles to go to work, go to church, and go home without getting to know anyone - this community involves individuals in the Catholic faith. There are many activities planned each month and these activities are decided upon by the members at the monthly meetings usually held on the second Friday of each month. We have members of all ages from age 21 into the 70's. For more information, watch the Catholic Advance for VISION events.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory group to assist the pastor in shaping the vision of the parish. Through their consultation the goals and developments of the parish are attended to by setting a course for the parish and its success. The Parish Pastoral Council acts as the ears and eyes of the parish beyond the pastor. Meeting every month and as often as needed in special circumstances, this organization shapes immediate needs of the parish as well as long range planning for the future. Membership on this Council is by a process of nominations from parish organizations and appointment by the pastor.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Finance Council have the responsibility of tracking the weekly contributions made by the parishioners as well as assisting the pastor in preparing and approving an annual budget for the church and school. Like the Parish Pastoral Council, membership on this council is by a process of nominations from the parish organizations and appointment by the pastor.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF TIME AND TALENT

The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to provide the invitation and opportunity for the members of our parish to experience and live the Stewardship way of life. Some of our activities include the Stewardship Symposium and Sundaes Social, as well as the annual Stewardship Fair. We help the parish office plan and prepare the annual Stewardship Renewal packets, including the Time and Talent Contact List and the Stewardship Pledge Form. We assemble the renewal packets and assist with distributing them to the members of the parish. We coordinate and host the Stewardship Fair to provide information to all members of the parish on the ministries and stewardship opportunities available at the Church of the Holy Spirit. We also help choose the lay witnesses to speak to the parish at Masses during the Renewal Campaign. The Stewardship Committee meets on an as-needed basis, with most of our work focused during the latter half of the year.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Facilities Maintenance Committee of The Church of the Holy Spirit maintains, as a voluntary group, the parish grounds, and existing structures. Duties include mowing & trimming of the yard and field areas, trimming trees, plumbing, electrical and mechanical repairs. Winter snow & ice removal from walks and parking is a high priority when those conditions occur. Major projects are done mostly on Saturdays when a group of workers can be assembled, but many items are done routinely during the week when convenient for parishioners.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR

The kitchen in Spirit Hall is used by many of our Parish organizations. Having a Kitchen Coordinator(s) will help us ensure that the kitchen area functions smoothly for everyone. Some of the responsibilities will include:

- Organize drawers and cupboards for maximum efficiency
- Label drawers and cupboards as to contents
- Regularly inventory of supplies and paper goods and requests replenishment from the parish office
- Regularly inspect the refrigerator and freezer to ensure food stored is fresh and usable
- Provide a central point of contact when kitchen issues need to be addressed

COMMUNICATIONS

ASSIST WITH MAILINGS

There are times when volunteers are needed to assist with major parish mailings. They might help prepare the packet of materials to be mailed or just the final steps needed for the mailing.

BULLETIN COORDINATOR

Coordinate with the parish office on a weekly basis generally on Fridays to help make bulletin flyer copies and insert them into the bulletin. Also, take the bulletins to the Sacristy from the parish office after they have been prepared for distribution.

PHONE COMMITTEE

Several individuals volunteer to help with telephone calls through their stewardship pledges of time and talent. If any committee or organization needs to reach a great number of people in the parish, the list volunteer callers may be used to help.

BULLETIN ADVERTISER

Bulletins that are distributed at Mass are printed for us by Liturgical Publications of St. Louis Inc. Liturgical takes the responsibility of soliciting advertising which appears on the back page, thus making it possible for us to have a high quality typeset, printed bulletin at no cost to us. For this reason, we ask parishioners to support our advertisers. If you own a business and would like to advertise on the back of our bulleting, please call the parish office and we will get you in touch with a representative in St. Louis.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

General clerical help as needed in the parish office. Could involve filing, answering phones, or annual records purge.

PARISH LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society is a group of women of the parish that seek areas of need and volunteer their time and talent for various causes including:

Funeral Dinner Committee

Selling Dillon's & White's IGA Gift Certificates

Cleaning Parish Office and Church

Various fundraising events to enable donations for needs within our parish and outside charities.

PARISH MEN'S CLUB

The Parish Men's Club gathers the adult men of the parish for social, service and spiritual projects throughout the year. They assist with major projects in the parish and participate in a sizable number of ministries. The Men's Club is an opportunity to share in our Catholic faith while assisting the parish with various projects that are called upon by the parish's needs and the pastor.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS (YAC)

The Young Adult Catholics is a group of people aged 18-35, married and single, who are looking for the opportunity to connect with other people their age. This is a great opportunity for fellowship among people who find themselves caught up in the chaos of early adulthood. We make a point to gather together for some mindless fun, be it bowling, board games, ice cream socials, or simple pot luck dinners. Got kids? Bring 'em along! Watch the church bulletin for announcements of upcoming events!

CHILD CARE FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES

We are in need of people interested in helping to coordinate and operate child care services to assist those parents in need during parish activities.

LITTLE FLOWERS

Little Flowers Girl's Club is a Catholic group for Mothers & Daughters, whose goal is to provide young Catholic girls with an

opportunity to gather and learn about Catholic “womanly” traditions, using our Blessed Mother and St. Thérèse as role models. The simple, once a month meetings use a Leader’s and Member’s guide and are based on virtues, saints and Scripture. Also, time is planned within the meetings for socializing, games and arts & crafts.

MEDICALODGE RESIDENTS OUTREACH MINISTRY

This ministry includes a variety of opportunities to communicate with, care for, and pray for the residents at our local care facility called Medicalodge. While we care about and pray for all the residents there, we are especially concerned about assisting our Catholic residents at Medicalodge. People that wish to participate in this ministry may have the opportunity to visit residents, assist with First Friday Mass (which is celebrated there), pray for the residents, send them gifts/letters at appropriate times of the year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

As a Catholic family organization, the Knights of Columbus provide unselfishly to the youth, family, Church, community and council of our parish. Membership is open to practicing Catholic men not less than 18 years of age. For men in every walk of life, the name of the Knights of Columbus engenders the image of a united organization, efficiently going about it’s tasks of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and defense of the priesthood. The insurance privileges are available (but not required) to all members who qualify, which represents an important advantage of membership. The Knights of Columbus have an appreciated heritage. A qualified Catholic man can share in that heritage and build for an even greater future by affiliating himself with this forceful, effective body.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary assists the Knights by catering different activities throughout the year such as weddings, parties, dinners and other activities to raise funds to enable the Knight of Columbus and the

Auxiliary to financially assist organizations and individuals in need.

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM (TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY)

Total Comprehensive Youth Ministry is provided for the youth of our parish. This includes two separate organizations: high school youth ministry and middle school youth ministry. It links eight components (Advocacy, Catechesis, Community life, Evangelization, Justice, Peace and Service, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, Prayer and Worship) with four different program settings: youth programming, family ministry, involvement in parish life and collaboration with civic community. This program provides a means to reach a broader audience and use the resources of the parish and civic community more effectively.

YOUTH MINISTRY ADULT ADVISOR

These individuals provide the adult leadership of the Youth Ministry Program by coordinating and scheduling various Youth activities, acting as advisors and planning the years' events with the youth leadership teams.

Regular High School Events Include:

- Monthly Activities
- Monthly General meetings for planning events, etc.
- Annual Participation in Diocesan Volleyball & Softball
- The Diocesan Youth Convention
- Lock-ins
- Ski Trips
- Caroling at Medicalodge
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive

Opportunities also exist for coaching Diocesan Youth sporting events.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME COMMITTEE

The New Parishioners Welcome Committee is responsible for delivering an informative and useful gift, as well as a dessert, on behalf of our parish family to every new family that joins Church of the Holy Spirit. We ensure that every new member recognizes a familiar face so that no one remains a stranger at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

NEW PARISHIONERS DINNER COMMITTEE

The New Parishioners Dinner Committee is responsible for hosting the quarterly dinners held to welcome new members of the parish. These dinners are scheduled for the third Tuesday following the end of each quarter (January, April, July, and October). The church office provides names and addresses of the new parish members to this committee and it is their responsibility to promptly send each new family an invitation to the dinner. Also, several ministry groups designate spokespersons to attend the dinners as representatives of their ministry. The dinners are pot luck style, with food being provided by the committee and existing parishioners in attendance. It is the responsibility of the New Parishioners Dinner Committee to ensure the proper amount is planned for, along with set-up and clean-up of the facilities.

HOSPITALITY—COFFEE/DONUTS

The Hospitality Ministry or as we fondly refer to it - Coffee & Donuts, is so much more than a food break, it's our time to connect with our worshipping family. This time together enriches our relationships. Two individuals or couples attend the serving table, pouring juice and cleaning tables as well as picking up the area are required duties. A schedule and master list will be on the info table. If you cannot keep your assigned time you will need to call a substitute.

PARISH NURSING PROGRAM

The mission of The Church of the Holy Spirit Nurse ministry is to promote spiritual, emotional and physical well-being among

members of the parish community. The focus of the ministry is to develop programs that support the promotion of health and the prevention of disease.

COMPASSION MINISTRY

“Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.” This exciting ministry is new to The Church of the Holy Spirit. It is intended to help Parishioners in time of need. New members will receive formal training for understanding specific needs and how they can help one another. The possibilities are endless and will only be curtailed by our own limitations. Join today!

SOCIAL ACTION

ADULT LITERACY

Volunteer opportunities include:

Mount St. Mary's Learning Lab (Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph and Catholic Charities)

Tutors and teachers for English as a second language and GED students

One-on-one tutoring with students of 27 different countries

Hours - Monday through Friday 7:30am to 3:30pm; choose your own day and time

Literacy Resources (formerly Literacy Volunteers of America):

This program requires a brief training workshop. It is one-on-one tutoring in basic reading, writing and grammar for adults in varying stages of literacy. Meeting times and places at tutor/student convenience.

AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

American Red Cross has many opportunities for people to get involved with a local social program. These volunteer opportunities include:

Drivers to take elderly citizens to Good Neighbor Nutrition sites

Medical Drivers to drive disabled and elderly persons to medical appointments

Blood Route Drivers to deliver blood to Wichita hospitals

Bloodmobile Helpers for such things as canteen aides, donor aides, registrars, etc.

Other positions for volunteers are phone callers, disaster volunteers, first aid stand-by team, CPR instructors and First Aid instructors.

ANTHONY FAMILY SHELTER VOLUNTEER

This is a shelter for homeless families that provides room and board, life skills management, job development, literacy instruction and follow-up contact. Volunteers staff the shelter and do such things as help with meals, laundry, provide transportation,

child care and house maintenance. A volunteer opportunity for families is to come in and cook the evening meal on Sundays. For a longer term of volunteer commitment, one can become a Christian Service Volunteer: this is a six month to one year commitment in which the person lives at the shelter and serves as a house manager.

BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS

This agency exists to aid children who need the friendship of a special adult in their lives. The children are from 5 to 17 years of age and come from all social, financial and ethnic backgrounds. These are non-delinquent children who are in need of some special one-to-one attention from an adult. Adults who apply and are accepted as a Big Brother or Big Sister are asked to make at least a one year commitment to the program to spend 3-4 hours of quality time per week with their Little Brother or Little Sister. When the agency matches a child and volunteer, they take into account many factors: personalities, the age of a child that volunteer would feel most comfortable working with, ethnic group, interests, etc... all to ensure that they have made the best match possible for both the child and the volunteer. In addition to the one-on-one program, the agency also has a Couples program where a married couple is matched to one child resulting in the child having two role models plus an exposure to a positive marital relationship.

CENTER OF HOPE VOLUNTEER

This organization conducts a homelessness prevention program by which they help needy families with rent and utility bills. This program relies solely on donations, grants and the help of volunteers. They strive to welcome all who come to their door with respect and hospitality.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN & AGING

This program operates out of Kansas City. It gives people the opportunity to adopt children living in other countries. For more

information contact the Foundation at P.O. Box 3910, Kansas City, KS 67103-0910 1-800-875-6564.

GUADALUPE CLINIC VOLUNTEER

Guadalupe Clinic provides healthcare to individuals who have no insurance or medical card. They do blood pressure checks, pregnancy test, blood sugar tests and immunizations. The clinic runs solely on donations and volunteers. They have a great need for persons who can speak Spanish to help patients fill out forms and translate information. Also needed are volunteer health care workers: doctors, RN's, LPN's.

GOD'S FOOD PANTRY

Our parish collects non-perishable food items and monetary donations that are taken to God's Food Pantry in Wichita. A collection box can be found on the west end of the hospitality area of the church. The donated items are pooled and distributed to the poor each week. The Pantry operates primarily on the donations of individuals and churches.

HARBOR HOUSE VOLUNTEER

Harbor House was established in 1992 as an agency of Catholic Charities, offering a safe shelter and support services for battered women and their children. Women can stay for 30 days or longer, giving them safe harbor... a place to get away, recover, assess their options and move on to a healthier lifestyle. Volunteers can help by working with the children (especially on Tuesday evenings), running errands, cooking meals, taking inventory of donated items, cleaning rooms, providing transportation, or just spending time with the women and listening to their story. Also welcome are donations of food personal hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies and monetary gifts.

MEALS ON WHEELS

One of the many programs Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita offers

is the Meals on Wheels program. Meals on Wheels delivers a hot, nourishing meal to the home-bound person five days a week. Weekend meal delivery is made to those considered most frail and at risk of institutionalization. Volunteers who deliver the meals are a daily face-to-face contact for many people who are otherwise isolated.

MENNONITE HOUSING VOLUNTEER

This organization assists people who cannot obtain home repair, decent housing or home ownership in any other way. Volunteers are able to help in several areas. Construction work includes building roofs, painting and construction of wheelchair ramps. Shop work includes rebuilding window frames, staining and painting. Other volunteers are used to pick up donated materials. Mennonite Housing offers youth groups or families the opportunity to participate in a work camp (usually in the summertime) where the group can stay in a dorm and work for several days or weeks at a time. The dorm is located in the former Villa Christi Retreat House building.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

It is the mission of the Respect Life Committee to respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life. The Respect Life Committee achieves this by regularly meeting to plan and provide opportunities in our parish that educate, inform, support and promote the respect of all human life.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER VOLUNTEER

The Spiritual Life Center is the Diocesan-sponsored retreat facility operated by the Redemptorist Community. It provides opportunities for adult education, lay leadership/development and spiritual formation. It is our goal to provide a place of peace and comfort to not-for-profit groups where they can search for truth, engage in dialogue, grow as persons, experience their own self-worth, and/or prepare for ministry, share in the Spirit, experience the sacred... to more effectively share their individual gifts and

better communicate with all those around us in the world and church today. Volunteers are needed for:

Front reception desk

Help with occasional housekeeping, usually on Sunday afternoons

Help with laundry

Gardening (not mowing)

Kitchen help at very busy times

Launder sacristy linens

Set up rooms/prepare for functions

THE LORD'S DINER

The Lord's Diner is located across the street from the Cathedral in downtown Wichita. The mission of the Diner is to provide an evening meal to anyone who is hungry from 5:30 to 7:30pm, 365 days a year. Approximately 400-500 meals are served every day. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meals. The Church of the Holy Spirit provides volunteers on two days (the 1st Thursday & 2nd Tuesday) each month in the evening.