

Parish SRE Volunteer Month: Plan and Support Material

Each year parishes are asked to consider nominating a weekend that will focus on the Special Religious Education Ministry. On this weekend parishioners are invited to learn more about the ministry and hopefully commit to participating in an orientation session. To give parishioners an opportunity to consider this ministry and to respond, it is recommended that this drive for SREs / Catechists be held over 4 weeks.

The new theme for this drive is: **Faith Breathing Life into Future Generations**

- Week 1. Notice for Parish Bulletin.
- Week 2. SRE Invitation Card on seats and repeat notice in the Parish Bulletin.
- Week 3. Speaker at each Mass and show DVD 2.5 minutes (see attached outline). Brochures on seats and repeat notice in Parish Bulletin.
- Week 4. Priests remind assembly of the call for SREs and encourages parishioners to meet with the SRE Parish Coordinator and SREs outside Church door who will assist them with any enquiries about the ministry and record an expression of interest that will be followed up on in the coming week.

Parish Bulletin Notice Weeks 1, 2, 3 and 4

Become a Catechist, A Special Religious Education teacher!

What is an SRE or Catechist?

Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into *(insert school number or specific names)* state primary schools in school hours. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on *(insert phone and email contact)* or your SRE Parish Co-ordinator on *(insert phone and email contact)*.

