

***“What you have received as a gift, give as a gift.” –Matthew 10:8***

Dear Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish Catechists,

As Jesus sends His 12 Apostles on their first “mission trip,” he teaches them to give as a gift what they have received: the friendship, love, and mercy of Jesus Himself! We share in this mission of giving away what we have also received through our lives of faith and service. In a particular way, you offer your gifts of faith, witness, love, and acts of charity to the children and families of our parish. Through our Religious Education program, our parish school, and our Youth Ministry program, your love for Jesus and for His Church makes a profound difference in the lives of the young people that are entrusted into your care.

Thank you for your generosity in serving the families of our parish and community. I know that you make many sacrifices in helping our people “encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ.” I’m very grateful for the witness of faith you share with others. Let us promise to pray for one another, so that we may continue our quest for holiness, joy, and peace. May we be faithful and effective witnesses for Jesus Christ!

Your Servant in Christ,

Father Dave

