

Roles in a SPRED Center

The Chairperson

- Discovers who in the parish or local church needs **SPRED** services
- Prepares a place for the community to gather for catechesis
- Recruits adults to become catechists
- Communicates with the pastor and other church leaders, with parents, family members and other care givers
- Encourages catechists to participate in training courses, observation and **SPRED** family liturgies
- Animates neighboring parishes to secure new **SPRED** chairpersons
- Collaborates with other chairpersons in the deanery
- Is a helper catechist in the **SPRED** faith community

The Leader Catechist

- Leads catechist preparation sessions
- Leads the total community sessions
- Prepares the environment of the celebration room
- Participates in preparation with the total community and leads the agape
- Communicates with parents and parent figures
- Collaborates with parish/church leaders in view of worship

The Activity Catechist

- Prepares the environment of the meeting room
- Guides the total community during the time of preparation
- Leads the silence activity
- Coordinates the preparation of food, etc., for the agape
- Helps all to feel comfortable with the preparation process
- Participates in the celebration of each session
- Guides the clean-up process for each session

The Helper Catechist/Sponsor

- Relates specially to one person in the community
- Models: an attitude of welcome
a desire to become prepared
a desire to listen
confidence in the process
a sense of joy
- Supports the process by personal involvement, e.g., sharing one's life experience and welcoming the Word.

Each person in the catechist community assumes a role in order to share the responsibility for the ministry of **SPRED**. Each commits him/herself to participate in all catechist preparation sessions and to be present for each total community session.

SPRED supports catechist communities by providing **training** courses, catechetical **materials** for each of the four age groups, reflection weekends, opportunities for **observation** of catechesis, **publications**, **animation** and **coordination**.

Catechists, families and persons with developmental disabilities are invited to participate and to assist in the preparation of **SPRED** family liturgy which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 A.M. in the **SPRED** Chapel from October through May. Modeling a form of liturgy that enhances the possibility for participation for persons with developmental disabilities facilitates the replication of such liturgy in parishes through the work of catechist communities.