



## Parish Champion Description:

### **About Catholic Charities of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese:**

As the service arm of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Catholic Charities has been helping those in need as Christ would have us do since 1922. We have offices in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Auburn and serve the 14 county area of our diocese.

### **What is a Catholic Charities Parish Champion?**

Our mission is to “Serve those in need as Christ would have us do,” and the Parish Champion will help us uncover those needs within their own parish.

It is our desire to grow an awareness and sense of ownership for Catholic Charities within our Diocese. We want to build strong relationships with Diocesan parishes and schools, but we must understand each parish’s and school’s mission and needs first. To make this vision a reality, we are inviting volunteers to partner with us as Catholic Charities’ Parish Champions.

A Catholic Charities Parish Champion serves as a liaison between their home parish and our organization. They will help our organization understand the unique interests of their parish and how we can better serve their community. A Parish Champion also shares with his or her parish information about Catholic Charities’ mission, vision and services and helps us create ways to partner with parishes and schools.

### **What does a Catholic Charities Parish Champion do?**

Parish Champions will be asked meet with Catholic Charities twice a year so they can learn about our new initiatives, share what is new within their parish, discuss parish needs and to ask questions. Parish Champions can be individuals, couples or small groups. We ask for a minimum of one year commitment.

This role is also encouraged, but not required to share Catholic Charities’ mission through friendly conversation. Some ideas include:

- One-on-one conversations with fellow parishioners
- Giving presentations to church clubs or ministries (i.e. Knight of Columbus, Youth Ministry)
- Assisting with coffee & donut information sessions after Masses
- Hosting an info session at your home
- Helping recruit volunteers
- Sharing our social media posts
- Ask parish and school staff to share Catholic Charities information in bulletin or newsletter

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Champion, please contact Nicole Kurut at 260-422-5625 x224.