Outreach, Welcome and Communication

Activity Name: **Cathedral Guides**
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Description of this opportunity:
As both a beautiful worship space and historic structure on an important Milwaukee site, our Cathedral frequently welcomes visitors, scholars and students. Guests are eager to learn about the importance of this building to the Catholic faith and the Cathedral's history, architecture and works of art. The Cathedral Guides program is an opportunity for you to learn more about the Cathedral and its history and then share your knowledge and interest with organized tour groups.
Tour groups vary in size and age. Guides are asked to participate in one formal training session, read and familiarize themselves with written materials about the Cathedral and attend at least two organized tours with an experienced guide. Guides are encouraged to plan and compose their own tour script. It is not necessary to memorize a previously prepared script or give exactly the same tour each time.

Commitment of time
Cathedral Guides should be available at least one of these times:

Sunday (2nd and 4th)	from 12:15 – 1pm
Tuesday and Thursday	from 9am-Noon or 2pm-4pm
Wednesday	from 1pm-3pm

Time commitment for each tour is 1.5 hours. Guides must arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled tour time, greet tour groups and receive any necessary payment or fee.

Guides are needed approximately 1-2 times each month and given the opportunity to serve as Special Guides for events during the year (e.g. Bastille Days).

Guides can indicate their tour time preferences and but generally should be willing to accept tours involving either students or adults. Special consideration can be made for those with an interest in either student-only or adult-only tour groups.

Best Qualities for Cathedral Guides:
This opportunity is most appropriate for a person with an interest in **learning** about the Cathedral history and furnishings and **teaching** others. You should be comfortable speaking to a group of people and using a microphone. It is not necessary to be an "instant expert" in art, architecture or liturgy, rather, you need a sincere willingness to communicate your love of this Church and answer as many questions as you can. This activity suits those with an interest in architecture, Milwaukee history, Church history, public speaking or teaching. Cathedral Guides meet twice a year for information sharing and support.

Need for volunteers:
Currently the Cathedral has 6-8 active guides. We would like to have 6-10 additional guides.

Location:
Tours are always given in at the Cathedral, which is fully accessible to the handicapped and located on or near several bus routes.