



**A**ndrea Rodriguez just completed her first full year teaching Level 1 students in St. Bart's Faith Formation program.

Andrea notes that it has been really interesting to see how the kids' faith life can grow – just from the types of questions that they ask she could really tell how much faith has played a role in their lives so far.

*"I really see a potential to make a big impact on each student in their relationship to God."*

Besides being a catechist, Andrea also manages St. Bart's communications along with helping Jacob Tolentino with the youth group.

"I've been wanting to be more involved at St. Bart's. I saw the video last summer about the program needing more catechists and decided to try it. I always wanted to be a teacher, so this has become my outlet for teaching."

Andrea does have a day job as well – she's a university recruiter at NetApp in Sunnyvale. Her work is flexible and has allowed her to be at St. Bart's by 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

*"I do believe that if you feel called to be a Catechist, things will work out."*



St. Bart's is very flexible as well. "I would just tell Rachael [Smit, DRE] when I was going to be out of town and she'd either teach the class or find a substitute teacher to cover for me."

Andrea says that Rachael has really made it possible for her to teach. "I'm so grateful for her guidance and support throughout the past year."

For more information about St. Bart's Faith Formation program or to inquire about being a catechist please contact Fr. Mike, Rachael Smit or Joanie Bronzini: 650-347-2429.