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McGilligan is no stranger to St. Barts EFF program — she’s been a catechist for 17 years and a parishioner for thirty years! Last year Dannette taught the level 5 class on Tuesdays.

By the Grace of God Dannette returns to St. Bart’s Faith Formation program every year. She not only “gets a kick out of the kids,” but she also said:

*“The Holy Spirit gives me the joy and courage to teach. I do enjoy the challenge as well.”*

Dannette became a catechist after her six children were grown and moved out of the house. She decided to volunteer at St. Barts and teaching catechism was a natural vocation.

While Dannette grew up in a time when God was thought of as a ‘punishing’ God, she does not subscribe to this thinking. She sees God as a loving and forgiving figure and she makes sure her students know that God is their best friend.

*“God is going to love you no matter what. Especially during the times that you’ve messed up- God will always be your friend.”*

Just as the Holy Spirit feeds Dannette’s desire to share God’s love with her students, the Holy Spirit is at work in her class as well. Dannette usually ends her classes with a prayer session she calls “Dialog with God time.” The kids sit in a circle and share with one another. Dannette notes that every student ends up sharing at one point during the school year.

“The students are just a joy,” Dannette adds.



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.