

## Sample Invitation to Train and Serve

This is designed to assist you in finding the person you desire to fill this need in your parish/school setting. Consider cutting and pasting any part of this for either a bulletin announcement, a special letter, or a phoning script.

If you consider inviting someone already involved in volunteering, consider releasing that person from their former commitments, since this program requires *an energy and love* that rarely can come from an over-tapped volunteer. Teachers, business trainers, public speakers are often ideal! Network for new names!

Typed on your parish/school letterhead...

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

You are receiving this letter because **I am aware of your extraordinary gifts!** I would like you to discern the following as a personal invitation to serve our faith community in a specific manner.

I ask you to consider becoming a trained facilitator on a specific program we are hoping to offer. Your commitment to the training would be paid by our parish/school and would require two days, (or a day and a half), of your time. The material is based on a recently published book called, *Learning about L.I.F.E.* This is interactive, family-based programming on Relationships. I invite you to visit the website for a closer look.

[www.learningaboutlife.org](http://www.learningaboutlife.org)

It is suggested that the prospective facilitator should display the following traits, many of which I have personally noticed in you:

- ◆ *some public speaking experience (not necessary but helpful),*
- ◆ *some teaching experience (understanding the developmental needs of children and/or young people is helpful),*
- ◆ *an interest in, and appreciation of, family-based learning,*
- ◆ *a desire to serve God's people through a specific ministry which can work with one's own limited scheduling needs,*
- ◆ *a stated interest in training for a specific age-group (may choose to train for only elementary, only upper, or both levels),*
- ◆ *comfort with presenting some sensitive material (abuse prevention),*
- ◆ *and courage to pioneer intergenerational programming.*

It is worth noting that, should you become a trained facilitator for our parish, you may also be qualified as a trained facilitator, available for hire, to other faith-communities!

I plan to call you within the week to discuss this with you. Until then, I will pray for you as you discern this opportunity.

Your closing,  
Your name  
Your position