

CATECHIST ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position: Catechist

Accountability: Fr. Jean-Pierre Couturier/Joseph Di Staulo PCL

Reporting To: Center Coordinator

Required Time 2.5 hours per week

Input: One formation evening 2 hours a month.

Duration: October to March

Requirements:

The catechist

1. Is an adult or young adult (at least 16 years of age prior to the beginning of the first catechism lesson) Catholic involved in the practice of his/her faith; attends mass regularly.
2. Is personally committed to the belief that religious education is an ongoing need for Christians of all age groups;
3. Realizes the importance of spiritual growth and the value of sharing one's faith;
4. Has sufficient leadership and organizational skills;
5. Desires to accompany young people on their journey of faith;
6. Desires to deepen his/her own knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Duties:

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the lesson
2. Make every effort to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the children in your group.
3. Attend the monthly catechist training sessions and the Diocesan Faith Enrichment Catechetical Conference (dates to be announced).
4. Take the necessary time each week to diligently prepare the lesson for the coming week.
5. Address any concerns that may arise with the children in your group to the best of your ability.
6. Address any parental concerns that may arise to the best of your ability.
7. Take attendance and follow up with children who are absent.
8. Take some time before the catechism program starts to call the children in your group and introduce yourself to the parents.
8. HAVE FUN ☺

A Catechist's Job description à la Don Bosco

"Give yourself whole and entire with no reservations whatever - your time and strength and experience and knowledge, all your heart and all your joy. And the joy of a pure conscience, an active body, a life well filled, a heart open to every appeal, a soul elevated to God. Show the happiness of the Christian, make people feel its reality, make them admire the Christian ideal, want it, accept it."

Henri Ghéon, "The Secret of St. John Bosco: 1935.