

Requirements to be a Catechist



ETHOS OF A CATECHIST

1. The Catechist must keep in mind that ultimately it is not his/her effort but the interaction of God's grace and human freedom which lead his/her students to accept faith and respond to it.
2. The Catechist should bear in mind that he or she is part of the ministry and does not come into the ministry to carry out his or her own individual crusade to save the children or the church.

3. The Catechist should nurture students to be respectful and caring individuals and inculcate values like honesty, fairness, courtesy and cooperation in the students to prepare them for present and future relationships.
4. The Catechist should acknowledge each student as a unique creation and gift of the Father with special talents and capabilities and encourage him/her to discover his/her uniqueness as a child of God.

5. The Catechist needs to work with fellow Catechists to create an atmosphere of Christian community and acknowledge one another's talents and achievements as incentives for personal professional growth.
6. The Catechist should be willing to share ideas, good teaching practices and resources that will enhance the teaching of catechism. This collaborative sharing will reflect the shared commitment of Catechists to build the Kingdom of God here and now.

QUALITIES OF A CATECHIST

The qualities that we look for in a Catechist is a person who:

- inculcates values like honesty, fairness.
- is acutely aware that he/she is a worker in the Kingdom
- is committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and is able to witness to gospel values by daily-lived experiences
- is prayerful and open to the power of the Holy Spirit
- is faithful to the teachings of the magisterium of the Catholic Church
- is active in the sacramental life
- participates in the daily, or at least, the weekly Sunday Eucharist
- recognizes the dignity of children and is sensitive to their needs
- is able to articulate and express his/her own faith experiences
- desires to foster Kingdom values of peace, justice and love

FORMATION FOR CATECHIST

Catechists, being stewards entrusted with echoing the faith, are parents' partner-educators of the faith. Hence, Catechists are to participate in the on-going formation sessions, workshops and seminars that will be organised by the ministry.

Catechist are required to attend courses on the following topics within a three year cycle:

- a. Prayer Workshop
- b. Ministry
- c. Old Testament
- d. New Testament
- e. Christology
- f. Church
- g. Sacraments
- h. Moral teachings
- i. Mission
- j. Marriage
- k. Spirituality
- l. Liturgy
- m. Evangelisation
- n. Grace
- o. Revelation
- p. Salvation History

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be Baptised (Minimum 5 years)
- Received the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Received the Sacrament of the Eucharist
- Received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Attachment to classes for 6 months
- Complete a weekly in-house Training program for 12 weeks.

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