

Catechists

You are Called . . . You are Chosen

Six Tasks of Catechesis

- Proclaim message
- Educate for community life
- Prayer and worship
- Provide service
- Moral formation
- Missionary initiation (evangelization)

What's in it for me?

Top 10 Reasons to Become a Catechist

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus
2. Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach and have opportunities to share faith with other catechists
6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus (you'll be evangelizing!)
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations"

Frequently Asked Questions

Having never been a teacher, how do I learn to teach?

Your DRE will assist you. In-services are provided several times a year that deal with effective teaching techniques.

Who will assist me with lesson plans?

Textbooks approved by the Archdiocese are designed for the non-professional teacher. Teaching manuals are user friendly and have a multitude of ideas on how to prepare and present lessons.

Without a background in theology, how am I able to pass on the faith?

The role of catechist is *not* based on a professional background in theology, rather, the ability to share faith, live faith, and journey with young people as their faith develops and matures.

What if I don't know the answers to the questions young people ask?

It is perfectly OK to say "I don't know, but I will find out." Resources are available through your DRE and the Archdiocese. You will learn together with the young people.

What about classroom management?

Your DRE and catechist colleagues can offer ideas on how to encourage and maintain a positive and respectful learning environment.

Other than the weekly session, how much time will be expected?

Each parish provides local In-services yearly, and there are two In-services provided by each DIOCORE (deanery wide collaborative efforts). Lesson preparation time outside the classroom is necessary.