

RETURNING CATECHIST - 2020-2021 APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ (please PRINT clearly)

Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Sacraments Received (check if YES): Baptism ___ First Communion ___ Confirmation ___

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone(s) _____

Medical history, allergies, medications/other we should be aware of?

Teaching Preferences: (Check Registration Information Sheet for class times)

1st choice: Grade Level _____ Day/Time: _____

2nd choice: Grade Level _____ Day/Time: _____

Name of Co-Catechist Preferred: _____

Babysitting Needed when Teaching? Yes _____

Number & Ages of Children: _____ Day/Time: _____

Children to Register in 2020-21 Children's Faith Formation Classes

Name	Age	Grade or Sac. Prep	List Day/Time of CFF Class
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

**** PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE ****

Is there any fact or circumstance involving you that would call into question your being involved in catechetical ministry? No _____ Yes _____

If "Yes", please explain or see Children's Faith Formation Director

Signature _____

Date: _____

Diocesan policy requires each catechist:

- be fingerprinted EVERY 5 YEARS
- complete child safety courses (online) EVERY 5 YEARS

ADULT PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Name: _____

Please print

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Good Shepherd Children's Faith Formation Office
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Catechist Expectations

A Catechist is a role model of Catholic teachings and values. Catechists are expected:

- ✠ to be a practicing Catholic who participates fully in the communal worship and life of the Church;
- ✠ to present a prayerful, positive, Catholic role model for students, families, and others;
- ✠ to teach Catholic Church teachings; the Children's Faith Formation program is not a forum for personal beliefs not in conformity with these teachings;
- ✠ to complete Diocesan requirements for catechists (fingerprinting/background check and timely completion of online safety courses)
- ✠ to continue his/her own faith formation through participation at workshops, courses, retreats, bible studies or other avenues;
- ✠ to follow the Good Shepherd catechetical program and to prepare lessons, organize activities, and seek assistance as needed toward that aim;
- ✠ to work as a team with the Director, co-catechists, other members of the religious education team, the pastoral staff, clergy and parents;
- ✠ to recognize that parents are the primary catechists of their children, and to support them in this role through frequent communication and providing resources to families where appropriate;
- ✠ to be able to relate well with others, especially children, youth, and their parents, and to build relationships with them with intentional efforts at connection;
- ✠ to make a good faith commitment to know and follow the catechetical guidelines as distributed each year at New Catechist Orientation or Catechist Retreat (*Important Notes & Policies for Catechists*);
- ✠ to make a good faith commitment to have excellent attendance with an earnest effort at securing a substitute from the substitute list and timely notification of co-catechist and CFF Director when an absence is necessary;
- ✠ to never underestimate the power of prayer!

I have read the Catechist Expectations and I will discuss any questions or concerns with the Children's Faith Formation Director.

Name

Date

Note: Thank you for your interest! It is the faith and commitment of our dedicated volunteers that makes our program outstanding. When this application is received, you will be contacted for an appointment. Classes are taught by teams of two catechists, and training and support are provided.