

Code of Ethics for Catechetical Leaders*

Parish Catechetical Leaders* are AKA Directors of Religious Education, Coordinators of Catechetical Ministry or Directors of Faith Formation.

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership affirms the following code of for *all professional parish catechetical leaders*. In essence, the code expresses the core values guiding the conduct of a parish catechetical leader.

A Parish Catechetical Leader:

- Continually deepens a relationship with God through a passion for the Gospel and participation in prayer and the sacraments.
- Values and promotes the dignity of all persons.
- Practices stewardship, respecting all creation.
- Models lifelong professional learning in areas required for catechetical ministry.
- Maintains right relationships by respecting appropriate boundaries with colleagues and parishioners of all ages.
- Maintains confidentiality when requested and as required by circumstances.
- Employs justice and charity in actions and decisions.
- Works collaboratively with other parish and church ministers.
- Avoids accepting remuneration for work that presents a conflict of interests with parish responsibilities.
- Facilitates the faith formation of the parishioners in accord with the vision of current church documents.
- Follows diocesan policies and appropriate legal statutes to protect the rights of individuals from abuse.
- Appreciates the talents of others and empower them to use them.
- Is inclusive and respectful of the diversity of the church.

*A person should hear a little music,
read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day
in order that worldly cares may not
obliterate the sense of the beautiful that
God has implanted in the human soul.
-- Goethe*