

**CATECHIST F.I.R.E. APPLICATION
DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA**



Section One: CATECHIST INFORMATION

Application: New Updated **Date Submitted:** _____

TITLE: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Bro. Sr.

Name: _____
Last First MI Nickname
Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **E-mail:** _____

Parish: _____ **City:** _____

Position: Catholic School Teacher Religious Ed. Catechist DRE/CRE Principal
 Pastoral Associate Youth Minister RCIA Campus Ministers Other _____

Level or Age Group that I catechize: Primary Jr. High Youth Ministry Adult RCIA

I am Catholic School Principal or Teacher: School: _____ **City:** _____

Check all that apply:

- Protocol requirements have been fulfilled (Applications may not be submitted without this box checked.)
- Parish Formation Records Attached (i.e., parish records for any FIRE courses attended)
- ELM Student – I give permission for the Pastoral Office for Catechesis to obtain my ELM records for the purposes of equivalency in Catechist Certification Yes No

Section Two: ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EARNED A COLLEGE DEGREE

Skip this section unless you have earned a bachelor or graduate Degree in Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or Education and wish to apply credits towards certification. Credits must meet the minimum requirements in each area of growth as described on the last page of this application. Please attach a **copy** of the transcript from the college or university which granted the degree to this application.

Degree earned: _____ **College/University:** _____

Date Granted: _____ **Area of Concentration:** _____

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Section Three: APPLICANT’S STATEMENT

This section should be carefully read and signed by the applicant:

The information on this application is accurate and describes the formation experience in which I have participated. I will strive to serve as a faithful minister of Catechesis, continue to seek opportunities for further enrichment, and share my faith in accord with the guidelines of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

Section Four: PARISH OR SCHOOL STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

This section needs to be approved by the pastor or school principal for the Catholic High Schools where the applicant is involved, or intends to be involved, in catechetical ministry.

“The apostolic work of the catechist springs from the Sacrament of Baptism through which all believers come to share in the prophetic ministry of Christ and the evangelizing mission of the Church. It is strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation. The call to the ministry of catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit, Catechists need to be practicing Catholics who participate fully in the communal worship and life of the Church and who have been prepared for their apostolate by appropriate catechetical training.” (NDC, 54; 8)

I believe this catechist to be a practicing Catholic in good standing.

(Pastor’s / Principal’s Signature)

(Date)

This catechist is not a Catholic but functions as a school teacher in a Catholic School.

(Pastor’s / Principal’s Signature)

(Date)

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Please mail this form to:

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Pastoral Office for Catechesis
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