

Christ the King Parish, Haddonfield NJ ~ Catechist's Commitment Form

“Every disciple of the Lord Jesus shares in His mission to proclaim the Good News. To do their part, adult Catholics must be mature in faith and well equipped to share the Gospel, promoting it in every family circle, in every church gathering, in every place of work, and in every public forum. They must be women and men of prayer whose faith is alive and vital, grounded in a deep commitment to the person and message of Jesus”.

Our Hearts Were Burning Within

What is a Catechist?

The Essential Attributes of a Catechist:

Definition of a Catechist - Catechists are called to share their faith, give witness, pray, model service, and build community. Catechists minister to adults, youth, and children in a variety of locations and programs such as Sacramental Preparation, RCIA, Family Programs, Scripture Study, and more. Through Word and example, catechists hand on the Catholic faith and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vocation of the Catechist - The General Directory for Catechesis tells us that catechists have a vocation...a calling from the Lord rooted in Baptism to carry out His mandate to proclaim the Gospel. And furthermore, it states that *“The Church awakens and discerns this divine vocation and confers the mission to catechize. The Lord Jesus invites men and women, in a special way, to follow him, teacher and former of disciples.”*¹

The Call to be a Catechist -The call and response to become a catechist is recognized in the local Church by the Bishop. The response to this call includes willingness to give one's time and talent, not only to catechizing others, but to one's own growth and understanding of the faith. Qualities of a Catechist -Catechists must possess and exhibit qualities or characteristics necessary to give credible witness to the Gospel. A catechist must: be a model of Catholic Christian faith and lifestyle; participate in the spiritual, theological, and methodological training and formation... know and abide by the parish and/or diocesan guidelines and policies promoting effective catechesis; and give sufficient preparation time for the catechetical tasks.

¹ USCCB, *General Directory for Catechesis (GDC)*. (Washington, D.C.: USCCB, 2001), no.2312

Catechist Statement of Intent 2019-2020 ~ Traditional Model

Any person answering the call to serve as a Catechist in the Parish of Christ the King is asked to fill out this Statement of Intent. A copy should be kept in their file at the Parish. *(Please Print)*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Your current Parish, City: _____

Previous Years' Experience in Church Ministry - - - _____ Catechist _____ Aide

Grade: _____ Session: _____

I will not be returning for the next year as a catechist ~

Sign Here Only if Not Returning Next Year: _____ Date: _____

Catechist/Aide Commitment

- My intention is to serve Christ the King Parish as a **CATECHIST**.

I would prefer to teach: Grade – _____ Session- _____

Monday (3:45) (5:15) (7:00) Tuesday (5:15) (7:00)

- I am willing to serve Christ the King Parish as a **Catechetical Aide**.

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- I commit to serve those in my charge to the best of my ability.
- I commit to be active and participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church.
- I commit to integrating the tasks of Catechesis into my ministry with those I serve:
 - o Communicating the message of our faith.
 - o Leading participants to a deeper understanding and active participation in liturgy and worship.
 - o Promoting moral formation.
 - o Teaching prayer.
 - o Building Christian community and motivating participants to mission and service.
- I intend to love, respect and pray for those in my care.
- I understand that I must follow the diocesan and parish Safe Environment requirements.
- I intend to advance my knowledge and skills by participating in courses, workshops, & retreats.

Signature _____ Date _____