

Good Shepherd Catechist 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:

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 2017-18 Children's Faith Formation Classes

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

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

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

List other Parish Activities you are involved in:

List other Experiences in Teaching Religious Education or Faith Formation:

Other experience/hobbies/etc. that might pertain to teaching faith formation class:

Please list two references:

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 two on-line courses (one hour each) **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 workshops)
- ✠ 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 and to recognize that parents are the primary catechists of their children;
- ✠ to be able to relate well with others, especially children, youth, and their parents;
- ✠ to make a good faith commitment to know and follow the catechetical guidelines as distributed each year at Orientation (*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.