



K-6 Catechist Description

Requirements for a K-6 Lead Catechist or Catechist Assistant

- Be a practicing Catholic who is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Enjoy working with children.
- Be willing to learn more about the faith and have a desire to share their knowledge.
- Have basic computer skills (accessing websites, writing emails, etc.).
- Complete the Virtus volunteer training.
- Sign a code of conduct form.
- Give permission for a background check.
 - If under age 18, must provide two character references instead of a background check.

Age Requirements

- Catechist assistants must be aged 14+.
 - Those under 18 require parent/guardian permission to be an assistant.
- Lead catechists must be aged 18+.
 - Those under 18 can be a lead catechist if they are 14+, have been confirmed, and have a parent/guardian as their catechist assistant.

Lead Catechist Responsibilities

Catechists will partner with parents, other catechists, and the St. Odilia Catholic Community in forming the children of our parish in the Catholic faith.

Once or twice a month, the catechist will facilitate a lesson to a group of 7-20 children in a specific grade level. Lessons are 75 minutes. St. Odilia uses the Word of Life curriculum, which provides activities, texts, discussion questions, materials, videos, and guides that can be used in a lesson. Catechists can supplement their classes with other materials, games, and activities as they see fit. Catechists are expected to spend time (can be as little as 20 minutes) prior to each class to prepare for the monthly lesson.

Classes are held in a St. Odilia school classroom. Catechists must ensure that the classroom is left the same way it was at the start of the lesson. All materials, pencils, markers, etc. are separately provided for Faith Formation classes.

Catechist Assistant Responsibilities

Catechist assistants provide help to the lead catechists as needed. Possible examples: taking attendance, handing out materials, assisting students with individual work, reading a story, and/or leading a small group discussion.



Confirmation Catechist Description

Requirements for a Confirmation Catechist

- Be a practicing Catholic who is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Enjoy working with teenagers.
- Be willing to learn more about the faith and have a desire to share their knowledge.
- Have basic computer skills (accessing websites, writing emails, etc.).
- Be comfortable in teaching the Catholic faith in spontaneous and often deep discussions.
- Complete the Virtus volunteer training.
- Sign a code of conduct form.
- Give permission for a background check.

Age Requirements

- Catechists must be aged 18+ or 14+ if they have an adult assisting and chaperoning them.

Catechist Responsibilities

Catechists will partner with parents, other catechists, and the St. Odilia Catholic Community in forming the teens of our parish in the Catholic faith.

Twice a month, confirmation students first receive a lesson from the youth minister. Afterwards, confirmation catechists will facilitate a discussion to a group of 7-20 teens in grades 7-12. Discussion questions are provided. However, discussions with teens can be deep and spontaneous, so being prepared to go “off script” is vital. Catechists are also allowed to supplement discussions with games, activities, and videos if they would like.

Although not required, catechists will also be encouraged to chaperone a Confirmation retreat.

Discussions are held in a St. Odilia school classroom. Catechists must ensure that the classroom is left the same way it was at the start of the lesson. All materials, pencils, markers, etc. are provided for Faith Formation classes.

Reimbursement for K-6 and Confirmation Catechists:

Full-time catechists will be reimbursed for all of their children's fees (\$150 for one child or \$300 for two or more children in the program).

Part-time catechists will be reimbursed one child's fees (\$150). Part-time catechists would be paired with other part-time catechists to teach or assist in a class. They would decide together what works best for them regarding teaching/assisting (e.g., each catechist covers once a month, catechists alternate months, etc.).