

# Catechist Information Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation, Employer & Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Can you be contacted at work? Yes No

Are you a professional, certified teacher? (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a catechist previously? (If so, list parish names and number of years.)

List and explain any previous work with children. \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell why you are interest in beginning or continuing as a catechist in Religious Education.

Have you completed Safe Environment Training? Yes No Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Personal References: Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to youth.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information:

- Do you use illegal drugs? Yes No
  - Have you been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No
  - Have you ever been charged with child abuse or neglect? Yes No
  - Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? Yes No
- If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_
- Other than the above, is there any other fact or circumstance involving you or your back ground that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of young people? Yes No
- If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that the information I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless St. Pius X Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of Omaha, and the officers, employees, and volunteers thereof. In signing this application, I affirm that the information I have given is true and correct.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

# St. Pius X Catechist Job Description

## Qualifications

The catechist is a person who...

- is a practicing Catholic (attends Mass every weekend & receives Reconciliation)
- has a basic understanding of Church teaching
- is able to communicate with children
- is willing to learn
- **loves Jesus and their faith** and can express that love and belief to others
- is able to follow the steps of a lesson plan outlined in the teaching materials

## Tasks to be Performed

The catechist will...

- plan lessons before each class
- follow the format provided in the instructional materials for each class
- be in the classroom or on the Zoom at least 10 minutes before each scheduled session
- lead sessions as scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM, starting in October and concluding in May (Levels 1-8)
- pray/share Sunday Scripture readings with the class before or after each lesson
- complete Safe Environment certification training
- attend catechist in-service opportunities
- follow the policies and procedures outlined in the RE Catechist Handbook

## Support/Benefits

The parish will...

- waive the Religious Education tuition for children of the catechist
- pay for expenses incurred by the catechist (check with DRE before purchasing)
- provide text and resource material
- pay for in-services attended (SPARK, Archdiocesan offerings)
- provide orientation and training
- provide opportunities for and encouragement of personal faith development

## Ethics

The catechist will...

- follow all diocesan and parish policies regarding catechesis
- model the Christian lifestyle in and out of the classroom
- follow and teach the teachings of the Catholic Church
- display a positive attitude toward children and families
- pass a background check and get Safe Environment Certified (no cost to catechist)