

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
APPLICATION FOR PARISH CATECHIST
 (Form available in Spanish.)

The position of catechist in a parish is particularly significant since the catechist shares in the essential responsibility of the Church to pass on the faith. It is the responsibility of the Parish that catechists be practicing Roman Catholics continuing to develop their skills in imparting the faith as it comes to us through the teachings of the Church and that the catechists themselves be enriched in faith as they generously give their time and talents to the local parish.

The parish has a special responsibility for the religious education of its children and youth. For this reason, we ask all catechists to fill out the following application, commit themselves to the ongoing training that occurs on the local level, and take seriously the witnesses that they are to the children and their parents.

➡ BASIC INFORMATION (Please Print.)

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: () _____ Business Telephone: () _____

Parish Name: _____

I am applying for position of parish catechist on the grade level _____ .

➡ EDUCATION				
Name	Address	Area of Study	Year Graduated	Degree
High School:		N/A		N/A
College:				
Graduate Work:				
Other (Describe)				

➡ EXPERIENCE

Previous experience as religious educator:

Participation in parish organizations or activities:

I have been a member of **this** parish for _____ years.

I was previously a member of _____ parish for _____ years.

➡ REFERENCES		
Name	Address	Telephone Number
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➡ EMPLOYMENT

Please list chronologically your principal activities during the past five years. This should include both employment and periods of non-employment, if any. For periods of non-employment, please furnish the dates and describe your principal activity.

Dates	Position (Include address, phone number)	Reason for Leaving

Have you ever used a surname other than those indicated on page 1?

(Yes or No) _____ If yes, state name and explain _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? (Yes or No) _____ If so, please explain. If you have ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense, please state the following: Nature of conviction, date, sentence received, sentence served including date and location, probation or parole officer, and any other facts or circumstances you wish to provide. _____

I certify the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am committed to attending catechist formation sessions, giving religious instruction to the children in the parish and seeking archdiocesan certification as a catechist through the parish.

I authorize the Archdiocese or its agents to undertake any investigation **it deems appropriate** in connection with this application, **including contact with all prior employers and a criminal background check.**

I am aware of the Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and its requirements.

Signature of Catechist

Date

(For Parish Use)

REFERENCES CHECKED:

_____	Date	_____	By	_____
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