

Holy Spirit Catholic Community Religious Education

Catechist Compliance Requirements

New Catechist Virtus Protecting God's Children Online Training

This is a proactive training to ensure children in our program are kept safe. This is a one-time requirement. Catechists must complete this program before beginning to teach.

Virtus Dashboard

All new catechists will create an account on Virtus. Some **veteran catechists** will be asked to go to their Virtus Dashboard for necessary updates of expiring requirements.

Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse or Neglect Form

All new catechists are required to complete the Mandated Reporter Form and watch a video on the Virtus website. This form is completed every three years. At the three-year renewal catechists will be required to sign the form again and watch the video to review the responsibilities of a mandated reporter.

Background Check

All new catechists are required to have a background check run before beginning to teach. Background checks are completed every five years. This is completed on the Virtus Website.

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Catechist Training for Grades 1-9 - 2021-2022

The first two Grade Level Training Sessions are required. The third training is an option. Please call Jane if you are unable to attend Sept. 14 or Nov. 27 to set up an individual session. At the training catechists will spend 45 minutes discussing Grade Level Lesson Plans and 1 hour will include announcements, prayer, and personal spiritual development.

New Catechist Orientation Grades 1-8

September 1 from 6:30-8:00 at Holy Spirit. New catechists will discuss classroom management, discipline for children and teens, how to pray with children and teens, and the role of a catechist.



Grades 1-6

Tues. Sept. 14 6:30-8:15 pm

Thurs. Jan. 27 6:30-8:15 pm



Grade 7 – Prerequisite for Confirmation

Tues. Sept. 14 6:30-8:15pm

Thurs. Jan. 27 6:30-8:15pm



Grade 8 – Confirmation Program

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| Tues. Sept. 14 | 6:30-8:15 pm |
| Thurs. Jan. 27 | 6:30-8:15 pm |



Grade 9 – Confirmation Program

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| Grade 9 Oct. 3 | 6:30-8:00 | Catechist/Parent/Candidate |
| Grade 9 Nov. 7 | 6:30-8:00 | Catechist/Candidate |
| Grade 9 Dec. 5 | 6:30-8:00 | Catechist/Sponsor/Candidate |

9FLAME Catechists: At each of the above sessions at HSCC the catechists and their candidates will be assigned a section of pews for their group to sit together. The catechists take attendance at each session and facilitate the session on Nov. 7.

On-Going Diocesan Formation

All **veteran catechists** are expected to spend at least six hours in on-going faith development during the RE year. The topics are yours to choose. Recording the on-going hours is your responsibility. The six hours should be completed by June 1, 2021.

Attending each Catechist Training earns 2 hours of on-going formation. The RE Office will record the Catechist Training hours from the sign-in sheets.

Grades 1-8 Sessions begin September 19 and ends April 24.