

# HSCC Catechist Leadership Calendar/2023-24

By definition catechists are lay members of the Christians faithful, duly instructed and outstanding in Christian life, who devote themselves to setting forth the teachings of the Gospel and organizing liturgies and works of charity under the direction of a missionary.” But more simply stated, a person who catechizes children and teens. Thank you for giving your time and sharing your faith with the children and teens of Holy Spirit.

## New Catechist Orientation Grades 1-8

August 10 6:00-7:30

We will discuss with new catechists classroom management, discipline, how to pray with children and teens and the role of a catechist.

## Training Dates

August 29 6:00-7:30

Grades 1-8

6:00-6:45 Training with Grade Level Coordinators or Master Catechists

6:45-7:15 Hospitality and Faith Sharing

February 20 6:00-8:00

Grades 1-8

Catechist Evening of Reflection and Training  
with Dr. Mary Amore

## On-Going Catechist Formation Hours

All catechists are expected to spend at least six hours in on-going faith development during the RE year. The topics are yours to choose. The six hours should be completed by June 1, 2023. A portion of those six hours can be fulfilled by attending the grade level trainings throughout the year. Ask Lauren or Kim for more recommendations on how to complete these hours. By coming to Catechist book club, August Training, and February Evening you will receive all 6 hours needed.



# HSCC New Catechist Compliance Requirements/2022-23

## New Catechist Requirements:

### 1. 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. **All new catechists** will create an account on Virtus.

Virtus Dashboard—<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

### 2. Background Check

**All new catechists** are required to have a background check before beginning to teach. Background checks are completed every five years. This is completed on the Virtus website following the instructions above.

### 3. Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse training/Certificate and Signed 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.

Link to State of Illinois abuse training to watch video and then print off a certificate to return to RE Department—<https://mr.dcfstraining.org/UserAuth/Login!loginPage.action;jsessionid=546E2330F187BED7577620B6B1AA1247>

### 4. Adult Volunteer Application

**All new catechists** are required to fill out an Adult Volunteer application and return the completed and signed document to the RE Department.

# HSCC Veteran Catechist Compliance Requirements/2022-23

## Veteran Catechist Requirements:

1. All catechists will need to update or create an account on Virtus. The Virtus dashboard will show you what forms need to be updated or completed before classes begin.

Virtus Dashboard—<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

## 2. Background Check

All catechists are required to have a background check that is current before classes begin. Background checks are completed every five years. This is completed via the Virtus website.

## 3. Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse training/Certificate and Signed Form

All catechists are required to have completed 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.

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