

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

RCIA Catechist

Overview:

In the journey of Christian Initiation, Catechists enable the faith of inquirers to resonate more and more deeply in their lives as they approach the sacraments of life in Christ. Under the direction of the RCIA Coordinator, Catechists seek for the catechumens and candidates not just an acquaintance with doctrine/precepts, but also the experience of an “apprenticeship” in the Christian life. They take active part in the rites/celebrations of the Word in the RCIA process.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Is open to questions and inquiries of all participants and shares his/her faith journey.
- Assists the RCIA Coordinator by helping to prepare and present sessions.
- Is available to communicate with those seeking Christian Initiation.
- Attends all liturgical celebrations and rites of the Christian Initiation process.
- Has a good understanding of Catholic tradition/able to share it in context of adult faith.

Skills, Experience and Personal Qualities

- Is a fully initiated adult member of the Catholic Church in good standing.
- Is registered with the parish for at least 2 years or recommended by a former parish.
- Can relate effectively with others; able to facilitate meetings and group dynamics.
- Desires to serve the faith community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Needs to be a person of prayer, basic understanding of Scripture and able to share faith.
- Desires to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Liturgical Rites.
- Willing to work with Pastor and RCIA team to ensure the ministry is conducted with attention to process and to candidates in a helpful, supportive and prayerful manner.
- Is comfortable with accountability, confidential, and sensitive to the observance of boundaries.

Screening Recommendations

This is a **General risk** position, needing completion of a Volunteer Information Form.

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of RCIA Catechist currently practiced at _____ Parish.

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date