



# St. Patrick Parish School of Religion

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## 2020-2021 Catechist Commitment Form

Catechists answer God's call by sharing their faith with the young people of the parish. They model God's love and bring the Good News to life in the lives of their students. Are you willing to communicate the message of Christ as a Catechist in our Parish School of Religion? Please complete or update:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name SSN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Birthdate

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City/St./Zip Telephone

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College Degree/Major E-mail

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Profession/Occupation Marital Status Religion Courses

Certified Catechist? \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in taking a course? \_\_\_\_\_

Session \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

The class year, including faculty meetings and training, will extend from August 1, 2020 to May 30, 2021. You will be expected to attend 2-3 full faculty meetings each year. There may also be a meeting with the St. Patrick School Faculty, a new catechist orientation meeting, and grade level meetings each month. Catechists are also required to attend one of the half-day institutes or workshops sponsored by the archdiocese.

A stipend is offered. Payment will be made in December and in May. Catechists are also offered a 100% tuition discount per family.

\_\_\_ Please write me a check  
\_\_\_ Do not write me a check; I wish to volunteer my time.  
\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and sign Witness statement on other side!

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS  
WITNESS STATEMENT  
FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

The mission of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit is the mission of the Catholic Church, to reveal God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to all people and to teach them about the fullness of His love. "Indeed the primordial mission of the Church is to proclaim God and to be His witness before the world" (GDC). Catholic education shares in a special way in the Church's mission by proclaiming and witnessing Jesus Christ and His teachings.

Catholic education, which includes education, formation, and transformation, exists in order to evangelize. Two important elements that make up the process of evangelization are proclamation and witness. It is essential, therefore, that those who serve in Catholic education proclaim Jesus Christ, His life and ministry, present the Catholic faith in its fullness and be Christ's witness to the world.

Initially those being evangelized will be attracted to and listen to those who are good witnesses. "The Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life" (Evangeliū Nuntiandi). Some in Catholic education -- religion teachers, PSR catechists, educational and catechetical leaders --are called to be explicit proclaimers of the Word. But *all* who serve in Catholic education are called to be witnesses to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Therefore, the following *Witness Statement* applies to all who serve in Catholic education.

**All who serve in Catholic education in the parish and school programs of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis will witness by their public behavior, actions, and words a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.**

Only those persons who can support this *Witness Statement* are to be employed by pastors, principals, and directors/coordinators of religious education.

All who serve in Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis should be made aware that support of this *Witness Statement* must be reflected in their public behavior. All who serve in Catholic education should:

- believe in God
- support belief in Jesus Christ
- engage in prayer
- respect ecclesiastical authority
- possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic Church
- not take a public position contrary to the Catholic Church
- demonstrate a public life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church
- if Catholic, have not publicly rejected the Catholic Church
- practice respect and reverence for others and prudence with regard to confidential information related to work.
- Practice exemplary stewardship and ethical behavior with regard to church property and funds.
- be active members of the Catholic Church, or of their own Church if not Catholic

The above is a thorough but not all-inclusive listing of the implications of this *Witness Statement*.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_