

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

HIRING A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualities are referenced in the *National Directory for Catechesis* (NDC) pertaining to catechists and are offered here to help discern the “kind” of person suited to the position of religious education leader. All pages references are to the First Printing, *NDC*, 2005 since this document did not follow the typical protocol of numbered paragraphs.

CATECHISTS ARE DEFINED - PGS. 218 -235

A catechist is defined as a bishop, pastor, deacon, women and men in Consecrated Life, parent, teacher, principal, parish catechist, coordinator or director of religious education, those who work in diocesan and national catechetical offices, - **all are catechists** with distinct roles.

CATECHIST TRAINING - PAGE 225

- Advanced studies in theology, Scripture, Liturgy,
- Advanced studies in catechesis and catechetical methodology
- Advanced studies in educational psychology and theory
- Administration
- Practical experience with adults, youth and children
- Comprehensive knowledge of the *GDC* and the *Catechism*

RESPONSE TO A CALL - PAGES 228-229

- Ministry comes from God as an interior call, a vocation
- To those practicing the Catholic faith
- Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- And following him as a teacher of the faith

WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL/ CALL TO HOLINESS - PAGE 229

- A love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Authenticity of life characterized by faith, charity, hope and joy
- Prayer and dedication to the church’s evangelizing mission
- Convinced of the truth of the Catholic faith and proclaim it
- Active participation in local parish community/Sunday Eucharist
- Devotion to Mary and the Eucharist

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QUALIFICATIONS, CONT'D

SHARER IN COMMUNITY - PAGES 229 - 230

- Has a special solidarity with those they catechize
- Their life is a witness to those they serve
- Adapts their methods to the needs of the group being served
- Create suitable conditions which are necessary for the message to be sought
- Create suitable conditions which are necessary for the message to be accepted
- Create suitable conditions which are necessary for the message to be profoundly investigated

SERVANT OF THE COMMUNITY - PAGE 230

- Needing preparation and ongoing formation
- Open to assistance in developing their knowledge of the faith
- Open to assistance in developing their knowing of how to transmit the message

