

# July in the life of a religious educator



## Message:

Offer catechist formation opportunity

## Community:

Meet with potential catechists and volunteers

Plan a picnic/planning session with your adult education advisory team

Plan a picnic/planning session with your youth advisory team

## Worship:

Review worship experiences - need updating/renewed - begin research

Initiate or enhance your practice of daily prayer

Consider how you could celebrate the parish Feast Day in the program

## Service:

High School Mission Trip

## Administration:

Review all your supplies and place order

Review your textbook needs and place order

Update your PDS files and promote students to next grade

Begin planning new programs / policy revisions from pastor's meeting in June

Opening meeting catechist gifts purchased/prepared

Review all catechist & aide files for appropriate clearances and required

Paperwork

Final yearly calendar with Pastor and staff

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# August in the life of a religious educator



## Message:

- Offer catechist formation opportunity
- Prepare First Penance parent meeting

## Community:

- Finalize your catechist roster / last-minute recruiting if needed
- Host new catechist training
- Host your opening of the year catechist session (theme, special projects)
- Consider a picnic with your catechists / helpers and their families

## Worship:

- Finalize Catechetical Sunday plans (3rd Sunday of September) and order
- Continue your daily prayer routine

## Service:

## Administration:

- Opening of the year letter to parents including calendar and RE Handbook
- Registration (signed permission forms for field trips / photography)
- Update your PDS files
- Reserve media or contact agency for scheduled Child Protection In-services
- Final building walk through (catechist names are posted/ all emergency signs are present and operating / emergency plans are posted / all emergency exits are accessible and operating properly)

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# September

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## Message:

- Finalize Penance parent meeting
- Finalize and collect catechist yearly class schedules
- Finalize fall adult education schedule / begin advertising

## Community:

- Opening of the program - Open House / Social
- Last minute new catechist training
- Regional religious education leader's meeting
- Identify potential candidates for the RCIC / RCIA

## Worship:

- Catechetical Sunday
- Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

- Required for all grades by the curriculum - plan with catechists
- Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

- Building is ready / signs; catechist room assignments / prayer tables, etc.
- Registration continues
- Notify parents of First Penance meeting
- Notify parents of Confirmation meeting
- Contact parents of students not registered

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# October in the life of a religious educator



## **Message:**

Penance parent meeting(s)  
Confirmation parents and sponsors meeting  
Adult education gatherings  
Inquiry Phase of the RCIC / RCIA begins (if not year round process)  
Catechist Certification offering

## **Community:**

St. Francis - Blessing of the animals  
All Saints Celebration  
Regional leader's meeting

## **Worship:**

St. Francis - Blessing of the animals  
All Saints Celebration (closest class day to Nov. 1st)  
Continue daily prayer routine

## **Service:**

Required for all grades by the curriculum  
Confirmation service hours

## **Administration:**

Registration continues - contacting families not attending  
All Baptisms on file for First Penance / First Eucharist / Confirmation  
Process to decide Confirmation celebration date

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# November in the life of a religious educator



## Message:

- Penance parent meeting(s)
- Confirmation parents and sponsors meeting
- Adult education gatherings
- Reconciliation retreat
- Catechist certification offering

## Community:

- St. Francis - Blessing of the animals
- All Saints Celebration
- Diocesan CEO Day

## Worship:

- St. Francis - Blessing of the animals
- All Saint s Celebration
- Rite of Welcoming / (Similar Rite for Confirmation candidates)
- Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

- Required for all grades by the curriculum
- Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

- Scan to see that catechists are on track with their yearly plan
- Finalize Advent Plans

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# December

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## Message:

Confirmation parents and sponsors meeting  
Adult education gatherings

## Community:

Advent / Christmas / celebrations  
Regional leader's meeting

## Worship:

Advent / Christmas / Epiphany celebrations  
Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

Required for all grades by the curriculum  
Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

Finalize First Eucharist preparation process  
Finalize Lenten celebration plans  
Finalize First Reconciliation Retreat

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# January in the life of a religious educator



## **Message:**

Adult education gatherings

Catechist certification offerings ( in lieu of student classes )

## **Community:**

Epiphany Celebration

Diocesan Study Week

## **Worship:**

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (peace, diversity, non-violence)

Continue daily prayer routine

## **Service:**

Required for all grades by the curriculum

Confirmation service hours

## **Administration:**

Parent notification about First Eucharist

Schedule catechist observations

Catechist meeting in preparation for Lent / second half of year

Finalize Mission trip plans

Finalize priests / gifts for First Reconciliation

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# February

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## Message:

Eucharist parent meetings  
Confirmation Retreat  
Adult education gatherings

## Community:

Mardi Gras celebration  
Regional leader's meeting

## Worship:

Ash Wednesday  
Rite of Election [1st Sun. of Lent] (similar service for Conf. candidates)  
Reconciliation  
Celebrate First Reconciliation (during Lenten season)  
Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

Required for all grades by the curriculum  
Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

Begin catechist observations  
Begin review for VBS  
Recruitment for catechists for next year begins  
Prepare for Lenten Reconciliation service  
Review current budget in preparation for next year's budget

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# March in the life of a religious educator



## Message:

First Eucharist retreat  
Confirmation parents and sponsors meeting  
Adult education gatherings

## Community:

Diocesan Spiritual Formation Day

## Worship:

Sacraments of Initiation in RCIA /RCIC  
Reconciliation / Lenten celebrations for all students and families  
Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

Required for all grades by the curriculum  
Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

Finish catechist observations and review sessions  
Finalize VBS plans  
Mission trip planning / recruiting / fund raising  
Recruitment for catechists for next year continues  
Regional meeting for Confirmation celebration planning

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# April

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## Message:

Adult education gatherings

## Community:

Regional leader's meeting

## Worship:

Confirmation planning / celebration

Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

Require for all grades by the curriculum

Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

Review Texts and materials for use next year

Recruitment for catechists for next year continues

Review budget expansion ideas with Pastor / Finance Committee

Prepare Confirmation Interview schedule

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# May in the life of a religious educator



## Message:

First Eucharist practice

## Community:

Regional leader's meeting

## Worship:

First Eucharist celebration

Continue daily prayer routine

## Service:

Required for all grades by the curriculum

Confirmation service hours

## Administration:

End of the year catechist meeting/party and review of the year

Recruitment for catechists for next year continues

Complete Annual Report for Protection of Children (due in June)

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# June

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**Message:**

VBS

**Community:**

Annual Diocesan Leader's Retreat

**Worship:**

Continue daily prayer routine

**Service:**

Mission trip

**Administration:**

Meet with Pastor to review the year

Recruitment for catechists for next year continues

Submit budget

Update the Parish Religious Education Handbook for next year

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