

General Directory for Catechesis



“The catechist is essentially a mediator. (S)he facilitates communication between the people and the mystery of God, between subjects amongst themselves, as well as with the community. For this reason, their cultural vision, social condition and lifestyle must not be obstacles to the journey of faith.” #156

Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, 1997

Diocese of Erie



302.00 Catechists are members of the Catholic faith and model this in both words and lifestyle.

This policy is further explained by the document *Standards of Catholic Practice* approved by Bishop Trautman on December 21, 2010

Department of Religious Education Policy

Acknowledgment that I am a Practicing Catholic

A practicing Catholic is a person who is in good standing with the Church and lives in accord with the teachings of Christ and the Church. The following list provides essential components of the practice of the faith:

- He/she participates in the sacraments of the Church
 - is fully initiated, i.e. ,has been baptized, confirmed (if of age) and admitted to Holy Communion;
 - participates in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
 - celebrates the Sacrament of Penance as needed.
- He/she is a member of a Catholic parish and supports the parish with time, talent and treasure, according to his/her ability.
- If married, he/she is in a marriage in accord with the laws of the Church, and is committed to raising children in the practice of the faith;
- If not married, he/she is living a life in conformity with the single state i.e., not cohabitating or living in a publically known immoral situation;
- He/she is in agreement with and willing to impart the teachings of the Catholic Church as taught by the Church’s magisterium;
- He/she will lead by example, encourage students to learn and practice the faith by word and deed.
- He/she lives a life free of scandal, and is not bound by any ecclesiastical penalty.

Affirmed by The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie June 10, 2014

My signature below acknowledges that I understand the conditions listed above and that I am living my life in a way that is consistent with these principles.

Signature of Catechist

Date