

## 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.

Office of Faith Formation 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 publicly 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.

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Print Name

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Parish

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Signature of Catechist

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Date

**This form must be signed annually, and a copy sent to the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation prior to beginning Faith Formation classes.**