



Diocese of Reno

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Standards and Expectations for Being a Catechist in the Diocese of Reno

The following list of catechetical standards are the minimum required by the Office of Faith Formation and Parish Pastoral Services and the Office of Education, for service as a Catholic catechist in the Diocese of Reno.

- Attendance at a Protecting God's Children Awareness session and completion of 24 follow-up online bulletins
- Fingerprinting and Background Check (specifically for the Diocese of Reno – unfortunately previous fingerprinting and background checks cannot be recognized)
- Attendance at the Annual Deanery Catechetical Day in the Fall
- Regular Attendance at Sunday Liturgy
- Personal Prayer Life
- Is in communion with the Church and supports Catholic Teaching
 - Is able to teach the objective truths held by the Church without personal bias
 - Teaches from Diocesan approved texts and supplementary material
- Commitment to preparation of weekly lesson (at least one hour preparation for every hour taught)
- Attendance at regular formation meetings held for catechists in the parish
- Attends the Annual Diocesan Conference
- Completes catechetical certification process within first three years of teaching and maintains certification every 3 years following
- Is at least 18 years old and has received the sacrament of Confirmation
 - Young people who are not yet 18 and are acting as catechists in the lower grades must have attended two Touching Safety classes and must be paired with an adult catechist in the classroom