

# A Catechist's Vocation-Discernment Checklist

Serving as a catechist is a vocation, and vocations require discernment. Take some time to reflect on the following checklist to discern your own call to serve as a catechist.

I possess or am capable of developing :

- a desire to grow in and share faith
- an awareness of God's grace and the desire to respond to that grace
- a commitment to the church's liturgical and sacramental life and moral teachings
- a strength of character built on patience, responsibility, confidence, and creativity
- a generosity of spirit, a respect for diversity, and a habit of hospitality and inclusion
- a basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Catholic Tradition
- honest and caring relationships with young people (and their families)
- effective teaching techniques and strategies
- a love of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and of Christ's Church, our Holy Father, and God's holy people
- a coherence and authenticity of life that are characterized by consistent practice of the faith in a spirit of faith, charity, hope, courage, and joy
- a dedication to personal prayer and to the evangelizing mission of the Church
- a missionary zeal by which I am fully convinced of the truth of the Catholic faith and desire to enthusiastically proclaim it
- an active participation in my local parish community, especially by attendance at Sunday Eucharist
- a devotion to Mary, the first disciple and the model of catechists, and to the Most Holy Eucharist, the source of nourishment for catechists

Which areas do you feel you possess most strongly? Which areas do you need God's grace to grow in?