

## **(Name of Catholic Parish) Youth Ministry Catechists**

Catechists are responsible for planning and implementing a session or mini-course, which fosters the religious education and faith formation of our young people.

### **Catechists have the following responsibilities:**

- Choose an appropriate topic (in consultation with the youth ministry coordinator).
- Decide on the length of the mini-course (1, 2 or 3 sessions).
- Plan each session with a balance of presentation, group sharing, group activity and questions/answers.
- Design appropriate handouts and activities.
- Plan an opening and/or closing prayer.
- Plan a simple ice breaker or introduction activity.
- Arrange for refreshments.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes early to set up and greet the young people.
- Arrange with the youth ministry coordinator for appropriate publicity.

### **Catechists have the following qualities:**

- Like young people and can enable them to share their faith stories. Willing and able to share their personal faith story and journey.
- Willing and able to present religious education and faith topics in a way that involves young people and relates to their life experiences.
- Knows the Church Teachings and is able to present them in an appropriate manner.
- Mini-courses can be planned in consultation with the youth ministry coordinator, who has access to a variety of resources, textbooks and mini-courses. Catechists can work in teams in order to divide the responsibilities of hospitality, session presentations and prayer.

**Term:** Catechists serve for the duration of their mini-course and the term is renewable for other courses.

**Support:** Catechists are supported by the coordinator for youth ministry/coordinator of Religious Education.