

Section One: The Person of the Catechist¹

No methodology, no matter how well tested, can dispense with the person of the catechist in every phase of the catechetical process.²

Most people working in dioceses and eparchies know that finding parishioners willing to be catechists can be a challenge. Yet some of those who come forward with the desire to become catechists may not be formed or suited for the task.

This first section of the evaluation tool will help dioceses or eparchies to know:

- whom they are forming, and
- where individuals are on their faith journey.

Knowing this will guide formation sessions regarding depth and particular emphasis. If you find that you are answering ‘no’ to many of these questions about your catechists, consider advising them that their gifts may lie in another area of ministry.

This section may also be used as a personal evaluation tool for catechists. The purpose of a self-evaluation tool is to help the catechist determine their own formation needs.³

Part Two - Self-reflection tool:

After each question rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 4.

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| 1 | Not at all |
| 2 | Somewhat |
| 3 | Usually |
| 4 | Always |

1. I am a mature person.

1 2 3 4

2. I am a person of deep faith.

1 2 3 4

3. I have an active prayer life.

1 2 3 4

4. I am a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ.

1 2 3 4

¹ The *GDC* paragraphs referenced for this section are 156, 237, 239, and 247.

² *GDC*, 156

³ *Ibid*, 245.

5. I am a member in good standing of the Catholic Church.

1 2 3 4

6. I am an active member of the local Catholic community.

1 2 3 4

7. I have a desire to tell people about the Reign of God and to be a witness for the faith.

1 2 3 4

8. I am able to tell others about Jesus.

1 2 3 4

9. I am concerned for people and the world I live in.

1 2 3 4

10. I understand the sacraments are one of the principle means through which I encounter God.

1 2 3 4

11. I understand Sacred Scripture is one of the principle means through which I encounter God.

1 2 3 4

12. I am able to share faith with others.

1 2 3 4

13. I am able to facilitate communication within a group.

1 2 3 4

14. I am able to work collaboratively with others.

1 2 3 4

15. I understand a catechist is a companion on the journey with other followers of Jesus.

1 2 3 4

16. I am a good listener.

1 2 3 4

17. I am understanding.

1 2 3 4

18. I am empathetic.

1 2 3 4

19. I am tolerant.

1 2 3 4

20. I am able to be objective.

1 2 3 4

21. I am a person of hope.

1 2 3 4

22. I am able to console others.

1 2 3 4

23. I am willing to take direction.

1 2 3 4

24. I am willing to honour the norms and directives of the Catholic organization with which I work, and to be obedient to the (arch)bishop's guidelines.

1 2 3 4