

This role is not subject to an enhanced DBS.

Responsible to

Pastoral Development Department.

Role purpose

To work with those responsible in the diocese for the preparation of candidates for marriage.

Main responsibilities

- 1) To work collaboratively with the catechetical leaders, other catechists and volunteers in ministry.
- 2) Faithfully represent and practice the teachings of the Catholic Church with integrity in word and action.
- 3) Be competent and receive education and training commensurate with their role(s) and responsibilities.
- 4) Respect the diversity of spiritualities in the faith community and will not make their own personal form of spirituality normative.
- 5) To work with others in planning of relevant preparation programmes.
- 6) To participate in meetings with candidates for the reception of sacraments or in the courses of marriage preparation.
- 7) To work closely with other catechists in the teaching of programmes for marriage preparation.
- 8) To contribute to the catechists evaluation meetings.
- 9) To follow the teaching of relevant liturgies which form an integral part of the programme concerned.
- 10) To work together to ensure that all catechists work is conducted in accordance with the archdiocesan safeguarding procedures.
- 11) To monitor good practice and implement changes where necessary to enhance both the quality of the catechists and the safety of all attendees.
- 12) To access regular training opportunities to keep you informed of developments in your role.



Marriage Preparation Catechist Safeguarding Information

Person Specification

- a) The ability to relate with ease to adults and enjoy working with them in preparation of marriage.
- b) Commitment to the essential teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and the ethos of the parish.
- c) Commitment to the spiritual and moral development of the adults with whom the catechist will work.
- d) A readiness to work collaboratively within the diocese and to be part of the deanery/diocesan catechists' network.
- e) A commitment to the ministry entered upon, and the ability to enjoy it.
- f) All volunteers responsible for a group must be over 18 years.