



The Diocese of Western North Carolina

Catechist

A Catechist is a lay person who is authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, under the direction of the Member of the Clergy who oversees the congregation or other community of faith.

Qualifications

- Confirmed communicant in good standing
- Faithful in worship and in stewardship
- Mature in faith
- Of good repute in the congregation
- Demonstrated gifts of teaching and discernment

Training

Completion of a course of training and study, under the supervision of the rector or other priest, to include a study of

- The teachings of the church as found in the Creeds
- The teachings of the church as found in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism
- The Holy Scriptures
- Church History, Christian Ethics and Moral Theology
- The Canons of The Episcopal Church
- Methods of teaching
- Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training (short course)

Application

The application process for licensing as a Pastoral Leader will be specific to the particular circumstance. Contact the office of the Canon to the Ordinary to explore this process: 828-225-6656 or canonaugusta@diocesewnc.org.