



CHRISTIAN WITNESS STATEMENT

The Catechist as Witness of Faith

“By virtue of faith and baptismal anointing, in collaboration with the Magisterium of Christ and as a servant of the action of the Holy Spirit, the catechist is a witness of faith. In experiencing the goodness and truth of the Gospel in his encounter with the person of Jesus, the catechist keeps, nourishes, and bears witness to the new life that stems from this, and becomes a sign for others.The testimony of his life is necessary for the credibility of the mission.

The catechist is called to open others to the truth about human beings and their ultimate vocation, communicating the knowledge of Christ and at the same time introducing them to the various dimensions of the Christian life, unveiling the mysteries of salvation contained in the deposit of faith and renewed in the Church’s liturgy....” DC#113

Application of the Christian Witness Statement

All persons engaged in ministry in the Diocese of Trenton will strive to reflect the message of the Gospel and the Teachings of the Catholic Church in their public behavior.

All parish religious education personnel, regardless of their role, are to be practicing Catholics and are required to sign this Christian Witness Statement.

Any person involved in ministry who takes a position or adopts persistent behavior directly contrary to the values contained in this statement or the Church’s teaching will be asked to step down, be dismissed or not rehired.

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I am a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

I promise:

CALLED... to proclaim, to celebrate and to live by the Gospel and the Teachings of the Roman Catholic Church;

CHOSEN... to create, to participate in, and to build up the Christian community;

COMMITTED... to dedicate myself to my own spiritual growth, development, and formation in faith, and that of the students to whom I will minister

WITNESS... to fully share in the mission of Christ and His Church to the best of my ability in advancing the Kingdom of God in the Diocese of Trenton.

Catechist / Parish Leader | Signature

Date