



**Diocesan Board of Education
Diocese of Belleville**

Policy 2122.1

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Catechetical Leader - Appointment and Functions

“The single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained catechetical leader (*National Directory for Catechesis* p. 224). Parishes should strive for a full-time professional Director of Religious Education or Director of Faith Formation who has a Master’s Degree in Catechesis, Theology or Pastoral Studies. Parishes that cannot afford a professionally trained catechetical leader should have a Coordinator of Religious Education who is receiving on-going faith formation earned at a Catholic School of Theology.

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