

SCRIPT FOR PRESENTATION TWO

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Good morning, my name is and I have been teaching Special Religious Education here at for years. Today I would like to talk to you about exploring the Ministry of Special Religious Education by walking the journey as a Catechist.

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Object One – COLAL Road sign

Christ our Light and Life is the approved curriculum for use in State schools in the Parramatta Diocese. There are accompanying teachers' manuals and student activity books for each grade which are provided by the parish.

Object Two – Tree – Preparation and Teaching Time

In our parish, classes are on (days) and are half an hour in duration. We recommend approximately one hour preparation time for each lesson.

Object Three – Support

Anyone accepting the role of a Catechist will be supported by the parish SRE team. You will be given all the help you need to teach the children in our State Schools. This support will be provided at both parish and diocesan levels.

Object Four – Training

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) offers free Training Courses which provide you with the ability to impart knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to students in your class. In-service and Reflection Days are also offered.

Object Five – Our Church..... Road Sign

This Ministry is covered by Child Protection Legislation and all Catechists are asked to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration Form.

Object Six – Give Time – Give Way Sign

We invite you to share your time with the catholic children in our parish state schools as a teacher or as an assistant. An assistant plays a vital role in the classroom by distributing materials and helping the teacher and children where necessary. This may be a way for you to begin your journey in this ministry.

Object Seven – Share your Faith – Arrow

One of our catechists recently said “I find being a catechist wonderful. We plant seeds of faith in the children which with God’s grace and our prayers will bear fruit at some stage in their life”. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work among us to inspire and enthuse parishioners at(Parish Name) to take up the challenge to go and work in God’s vineyard.

Object Eight – Go Forth.....

This will enable our parish to fulfill the words of scripture “To go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

Object Nine – School Bus

At the current time our parish needs (number) Catechists and as many assistants as possible to hop on the SRE bus and spread the Good News of Jesus to the children in the (number) State Schools in our parish.

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Members of the SRE team will be waiting for you after Mass to answer any question you may have regarding this great ministry of Special Religious Education. I invite you to allow the Holy Spirit to open your hearts and take up the challenge to go and work in his vineyard.