***Parish Letterhead***

*(For use in Parishes in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)*

**Special Religious Education (SRE) Teacher’s Engagement Form**

*“SRE Teacher” means Parish SRE Catechist or Catechist Assistant/Helper*

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Home phone:**

**Mobile phone:**

**Email:**

**WWCC Clearance number: Expiry date:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Responsible to:**

 **(Name of Parish Priest / Administrator)**

**Parish and suburb:**

**School or schools in which authorised to teach:**

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**TASKS OF VOLUNTEER CATHOLIC SRE TEACHER** (Catechist/Helper):

* To assist students enrolled in Catholic SRE to encounter Jesus through prayer, accept and deepen their understanding of the Christian message, according to their age and stage of development.
* To cooperate willingly with the parish priest / administrator and with those he has appointed to share his responsibilities.
* To develop your own knowledge of the Christian message and ability to present it as a genuinely educational activity using the authorised teaching materials of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to teach the authorised curriculum “with sensitivity and in an age-appropriate manner” as per the Archbishop’s annual assurance to the NSW Department of Education.
* To maintain and develop relationships with fellow catechists and others in the educational ministry of the parish and the local community’s public school/s.

**General Condition**

It is essential that all volunteer Catholic SRE Teachers (Catechists and Helpers) carry out their tasks in accordance with the mission and identity of the Catholic Church, exercise due care for the safety and behaviour of students when they are teaching or supervising them and teach the authorised curriculum “with sensitivity and in an age-appropriate manner”.

**Volunteer Catholic SRE Teacher (Catechist/Helper) Statement**

**I hereby state that:**

I wish to volunteer my services on the above basis to

 (Parish and suburb)

and have never been convicted for:

* an act of violence towards another person; or
* sexual assault; or
* any offence against a minor person; or
* provision of prohibited drugs.

I have obtained a Working With Children Check clearance number, expiry date and provided this information and my date of birth, as above, to the Parish to verify and store securely.

I give my consent for the Parish to provide my name, date of birth and contact phone number to the school/s in which I am authorised to teach Catholic SRE for the school/s to (a) check that I am not listed on the NSW Department of Education “Not To Be Employed” register and (b) contact me regarding my assigned SRE class/es, e.g. if a class has been cancelled.

**I understand that should I fail to meet any commitments as set out above, I may have my authorisation withdrawn to teach SRE in schools.**

Signature:

Name (printed):

Date: