**Application Form for Special Religious Education (SRE) Volunteer Position**

This form should be filled out by a person over the age of 18 years who is interested in volunteering to teach SRE at a public school on behalf of a Parish within the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (**CAS**).

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

**Full name:**

**Address:**

**Home phone: Mobile phone:**

**Email:**

**WWCC number: Expiry date:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Parish and suburb:**

**I wish to volunteer my services at** (insert Parish, suburb or school)**:**

**TASKS OF A VOLUNTEER CATHOLIC SRE TEACHER**:

* 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 provide Catholic SRE.
* 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 CAS 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 schools.

It is essential that all volunteer Catholic SRE Teachers 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”.

**Collection notice**

The Parish is collecting my personal information for the purpose of contacting me in relation to SRE in public schools. The Parish may use and disclose my personal information to CCD for the purpose of the Parish receiving support and assistance from CAS (including conduct of training programs) and for the purpose of promoting catechism through CCD’s publications, newsletters and social media. My personal information will be collected in accordance with the collection notice which can be found at <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/terms-and-conditions/#collection>

**Application**

I wish to apply for the position of SRE Teacher (Parish SRE Catechist or Helper).

Signature:

Name (printed):

Date:

**Next steps**

The Parish Priest will verify that you are cleared to work with children. Your appointment as a SRE Teacher is subject to that clearance.

The Parish will contact you to arrange for an interview. If your application is approved by the Parish Priest and proceeds, the Parish will send you a Parish Volunteer Agreement letter for SRE Teachers for you to sign and return to the Parish. A signed volunteer agreement is a condition of appointment as an SRE Teacher.