



Catechetical Leaders Association of the Diocese of Paterson 2025-2026

The Catechetical Leaders Association (CLA) of the Diocese of Paterson invites all who currently serve as Director, or Coordinator, of Religious Education/Youth Ministry to become members.

According to the Constitution and By-Laws, membership is open to those who satisfy one or more of the following:

- ✚ *Have a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education or Theology.*
- ✚ *Have a Master's Degree in Theology, Religious Education or an approved equivalent.*
- ✚ *Possess a Certificate for Coordinator of Religious Education from an accredited Catholic college.*
- ✚ *Have been designated by the pastor with the responsibility of coordinating catechetical activities within the parish.*

All members of the Association have the right to vote and hold office. We encourage you to become a member as it is a wonderful opportunity to promote spiritual and professional growth. It is also a great way of facilitating communication between CREs/DREs and the Diocesan Office of Catechesis. Regardless of how long you've been in your role, there is always something to learn and gain!

Yours in Christ,
CLA Executive Board

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SAVE THE DATES!!**

Tuesday, Oct. 28	11am-1:30pm	Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, Hawthorne	1 st Meeting/Outreach
Tuesday, June 2	9am-2pm	Villa Pauline, Mendham	End of Year Retreat

*****Stay tuned for more dates to be announced***

CLA Membership Enrollment October 2025 to June 2026

Please print clearly distinguishing letters and numbers

Name: _____

Position at Parish: _____

Parish: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership dues are \$50.00 for the year per person NOT to exceed \$100 per parish. This covers all expenses (meetings, speakers, mailings, refreshments, etc.) except Retreat days.

Please make checks payable to: Catechetical Leaders Association

***** If your program/parish cannot pay the yearly dues, please contact the CLA Treasurer for assistance.***

Please send this completed form and dues by October 1, 2025 to:

Cheryl Wallace, CLA Treasurer, St. Kateri, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

2 Ways to Submit Payment

1. **Write a check** made out to "Catechetical Leaders Association" and mail to Cheryl Wallace, CLA Treasurer, St. Kateri, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871
2. Through your bank account, use **Zelle to make an online transaction**
 - a. You can scan the QR code which will bring you to the Zelle app to see if your bank account has access. You will be directed from there in what to do next.



- b. **If you have never used Zelle before**
 - i. Log into your bank account to where you can access Zelle.
 - ii. You will have to register your phone number or email with your account.
 - iii. Once registered, you must add "New Contact"
 - You will have to type in Cheryl Wallace and then her email: cherylwall1017@gmail.com
 - iv. You are then able to select Cheryl and send payment