

Catechist Formation Process Summary

- Courses may be taken in any order. Courses from any track may be used to fulfill requirements. (e.g. You may take the Spirituality level course using “Echoes of Faith” and then you may take Spotlight classes for some doctrinal classes and take U. of Dayton classes for others, etc.)
- Catechists receive a certificate each time they complete a course.
- When a catechist completes all the courses required for a specific area of formation he/she receives a certificate for the area completed. (e.g. Vocation certificate, Methodology certificate and Doctrinal certificate)
- When all three areas of formation (Vocation, Methodology and Doctrinal) are completed, the catechist has completed this initial formation process.
- Once initial formation is completed, there are continuing formation opportunities. (e.g. Catechist Convocation, Bible/Men’s/Women’s conferences, etc.)

Below is an overview of the different opportunities available for catechist formation. The various opportunities are facilitated by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, the Parish Catechetical Leader or the academic institution providing the course.

For more information regarding the Catechist Formation Process, please contact Patty Rodriguez at Patricia.Rodriguez@rcan.org or 973-497-4297.

Overview

AREA of Certification	Archdiocesan Workshops	Loyola Press, Joe Paprocki	University of Dayton (VLCFF)-ONLINE
Vocation of the Catechist ~ WHY ~ (Formally “Spirituality”)	Vocation of the Catechist: Catechists receive “The Catechist’s Backpack”, Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press.	“The Catechist’s Backpack” Facilitated at local parish.	Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is . . .) AND Seminar 1.2 (Vocation of the Catechist)
Methodology ~ HOW ~	Methodology: Catechists receive “The Catechist’s Toolbox”, Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press.	“The Catechist’s Toolbox” Facilitated at local parish.	“Faith and Human Development”
Doctrinal ~ WHAT ~ 5 areas of study: 1. Creed 2. Morality 3. Liturgy & Sacraments 4. Prayer & Spirituality 5. Scripture (OT&NT)	Spotlight on the Catechism Series 1. Spotlight on Faith (Creed) 2. Spotlight on Morality 3. Spotlight on Sacraments 4. Spotlight on Prayer & Spirituality 5. Spotlight on Old Testament (Scripture) Spotlight on New Testament (Scripture) (Must take OT and NT course to cover the Scripture area.)	“A Well Built Faith” Facilitated at local parish. Creed: Part 1 Morality: Part 3 Liturgy and Sacraments: Part 2 Prayer and Spirituality: Part 4 “The Bible Blueprint” Facilitated at local parish. Scriptures	Creed: “Catholic Beliefs” <u>OR</u> “Survey of Catholic Doctrine” Morality: “Conscience” <u>OR</u> “Introduction to Christian Morality” <u>OR</u> “Introduction to Practical Morality” Liturgy and Sacraments: “Sacraments” <u>OR</u> “Introduction or Liturgy” Prayer and Spirituality: “Introduction to Prayer” <u>OR</u> “Praying with Children” Scripture: “Introduction to Scripture” <u>OR</u> “Bible Basics” (You may also elect to take <u>BOTH</u> “Old Testament” <u>AND</u> “New Testament”)

AREA of Certification	Echoes of Faith – Emmaus Edition These modules are taken online. For course details and registration information contact Patty Rodriguez at the Catechetical Office.	Currently looking into other options	Currently looking into other options
Vocation of the Catechist ~ WHY ~ (Formally "Spirituality")	Non-Theology Modules: Getting Started as a Catechist Roles of the Catechist		
Methodology ~ HOW ~	Non-Theology Modules: The Learner Grade Level Methodology <u>OR</u> Adult Faith		
Doctrinal ~ WHAT ~ 5 areas of study: 1. Creed 2. Morality 3. Liturgy & Sacraments 4. Prayer & Spirituality 5. Scripture (OT&NT)	Theology Modules: Creed: "I Believe, We Believe" Morality: "Catholic Morality" Liturgy and Sacraments: "Liturgy and Sacraments" Prayer and Spirituality: "Prayer and Spirituality" Scripture: "The Scriptures" Extra <i>Optional</i> Module: "The Church"		

PERSONAL RECORD KEEPER FOR THE CATECHIST FORMATION PROCESS

Spirituality Level Course – Name of Course: _____

Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

Methodology Level – Name of Course: _____

Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

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Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

Doctrinal Course 2 – Sacraments Name of Course: _____

Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

Doctrinal Course 3 – Morality Name of Course: _____

Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

Doctrinal Course 4 - Prayer Name of Course: _____

Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

Doctrinal Course 5 & 6 - Scripture Name of Course: _____

Scripture Course Name: _____ Date of Completion _____ Course location: _____

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For more information about the Catechist Formation Program visit:
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