

Catechist Formation Process for Parish Catechists to Obtain a Full Catechist Certification

- Registration for all Archdiocesan courses and events is through the e-Learning Management System, LMS.
- It is preferable to start with the Catechist Orientation course, but all courses can be taken in any order.
- Catechists receive a certificate each time they complete a course, i.e. Vocation certificate or Spotlight on Morality certificate.
- When all three required areas of formation (Vocation, Methodology and Doctrinal courses) are completed, the catechist has obtained a full Catechist Certification.
- Discipleship is a lifelong relationship with Christ and community. There are enrichment courses, events, and webinars continuously being added to the LMS across many topics offered to inform and support our catechists. (e.g. Catechist Convocation, The Gathering, Accompanying Those with Disabilities...)

Below is an overview of the different opportunities available for catechist formation within each of the 3 formation areas required respective to meeting each catechist where they are in their faith experience and knowledge. Also acceptable is completion of the Catechetical Formation Series through Loyola Press, but note, subscription cost would be met by the individual parish or person. (A copy of the catechist's completion certificate/letter from Loyola Press for the Catechetical Formation Series is required to be provided to the Catechetical Office within a month of completion to update the catechist's LMS account and maintain records).

For more information regarding the Catechist Formation Process, please contact Gina Butler at Gina.Butler@rcan.org or 973-497-4295.

<u>Catechist Certification AREAS of Formation/Study</u>	<u>Archdiocesan Courses</u>	<u>Loyola Press, Catechetical Formation Series</u>
Catechist Orientation ~ WHO ~	Presented by Catechetical Office staff, and various experts in areas of study. Course schedules and formats vary. Current schedule of courses available on the e-Learning Management System (LMS).	An online catechist training resource series comprised of 10 self-guided learning sessions facilitated by Joe Paprocki, accompanied by downloadable documents.
Vocation of the Catechist ~ WHY ~ (Formally "Basic/Spirituality")	This retreat-style 2-hour session lays the foundation for WHO we are as catechists to our students, families and parish community.	CATECHISTS OPTING TO USE LOYOLA PRESS SERIES, STILL TAKE THE ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHIST ORIENTATION SESSION.
Art of Catechesis ~ HOW ~ (Formally "Methodology")	This course forms and builds on the understanding of WHY we are called to BE a catechist who forms the faith in others by witnessing to the person of Jesus Christ and through His divine pedagogy.	CATECHISTS OPTING TO USE LOYOLA PRESS SERIES, ALSO TAKE THE ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATION OF THE CATECHIST COURSE.
Doctrinal ~ WHAT ~ (Formally "Theological") 1. Creed 2. Morality 3. Liturgy & Sacraments 4. Prayer & Spirituality 5. Scripture (OT&NT)	This course offers a dynamic understanding of HOW to be a catechist, to not just instruct students about the idea of Christ, but lead them to Christ, understanding the persons we are witnessing to as belonging to God, and understand the ways in which we can, as catechists, transmit our faith to meet the needs of the learners.	Learning Sessions 1, 2, 4, 10
	Currently, Spotlight courses are available in the evenings LIVE via ZOOM. In-person options for Spotlight courses will be available: Spotlight on Faith: Creed Spotlight on Morality Spotlight on Sacraments Spotlight on Prayer Spotlight on Old Testament Spotlight on New Testament	Learning Session 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

PERSONAL RECORD KEEPER FOR THE CATECHIST FORMATION PROCESS

Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Courses:

Catechist Orientation: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Vocation of the Catechist: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Art of Catechesis (Methodology): Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Doctrinal Spotlight Course 1 – Faith / Creed: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Doctrinal Spotlight Course 2 – Sacraments: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Doctrinal Spotlight Course 3 – Morality: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Doctrinal Spotlight Course 4 – Prayer: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Doctrinal Spotlight Course 5 & 6 – Scripture: Old Testament & New Testament

Old Testament: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

New Testament: Date of Completion _____ Course location _____

Loyola Press Catechetical Formation Series

Learning Session 1: Getting Started & Getting to Know Your Learners Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 2: The Catechetical Process Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 3: Prayer and Leading Prayer Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 4: Facilitation Skills, and Handling Difficult Situations Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 5: What We Believe – The Creed Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 6: What We Believe – The Sacraments Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 7: What We Believe – The Moral Life Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 8: What We Believe – Prayer Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 9: Understanding God’s Word – Scripture Date of Completion _____

Learning Session 10: The Person of the Catechist Date of Completion _____