



**Evangelization & Faith Formation  
Diocese of Stockton**



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**RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION (FOR DRE)**

In accordance with the Guidelines for the Formation and Certification of Catechists as approved by the Bishops of the California Catholic Conference and the Directors of Religious Education and Superintendents of Schools of the (Arch) Dioceses of the State of California (revised 2009), to promote and standardize the competence of catechetical programs under their jurisdiction.

Certification expires in no less than three (3) and no more than four (4) years after the date of issue. To renew this certificate, the Catechist (or DRE) shall complete at least ten (10) hours annually in categories listed during the life of the certificate. The choice of courses and plan must have the prior approval of the appropriate diocesan office (ORE). The catechist (or DRE) must demonstrate on-going religious education and formation in accordance with the below listed content areas and diocesan requirements. The options for renewal are:

1. Repeating the Introduction to Theology course with the School of Ministry or Catechist Specialization course
2. Participating in an additional 40 hours in courses and workshops (i.e. see below)  
***Selected from the following topics as they relate to the catechetical ministry***
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Doctrine
  - c. Morality
  - d. Sacraments/Liturgy
  - e. Church (Ecclesiology)
  - f. Psychology
  - g. Pedagogy
  - h. Classroom Skills

The reverse side of this form is to be used by persons seeking renewal of certification under the terms of #2 above.

**Which workshops or courses can be counted toward the renewal of certification?**

The annual Ministry Day, Adult Formation Conference at Santa Clara or L.A. Religious Education Congress offer many workshops for renewal. The catechist is encouraged to maintain their own records using the form Catechist Recertification Form. Only workshops that correspond to the areas mentioned in #2 above count toward renewal.

In addition, each year the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation sponsors and/or conducts workshops that are approved for renewal of certification. Adult education/formation programs offered by our diocesan offices may also count toward recertification. A Parish Program, facilitated by a currently certified Master Catechist may also be acceptable toward renewal of certification.

On-line courses through Boston College, C-21, Dayton University or Notre Dame may be acceptable by the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation for renewal of certification.

For each workshop attended, a 200-300 word reflection paper is required. It must be submitted to the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation within **four weeks** of the event in the standard format and available on the diocesan webpage.