



**Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation
Diocese of Stockton**



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CATECHIST RENEWAL

In accordance with the Guidelines for the Formation and Certification of Catechists as approved by the Bishops of the California Catholic Conference and the Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation 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 at the end of **three years** from the date of issue. Catechist may earn renewal of certification by:

1. Repeating the Introduction to Theology course with the School of Ministry or the 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)
 - as well as
 - 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.

What workshops/courses can be counted toward renewal of certification?

The annual Ministry Day, the California Catholic Ministry Conference at San Jose or the L.A. Religious Education Congress offer many workshops for renewal. They appear in their respective booklets. The catechist is encouraged to count for renewal only those workshops that correspond to the areas mentioned in #2 above.

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 renewal. A Parish Program, facilitated by a currently certified Master Catechist may also be acceptable toward renewal of certification.

On-line courses through Boston College, like C-21, or Dayton University may be acceptable by the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation for renewal of certification. (Call the Diocesan Office of EFF first to verify if courses are approve)

For each workshop attended, a short 100-200 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.

