

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 INITIAL FORMATION		Archdiocesan Workshops These are one-day workshops that are presented by Catechetical Office staff and other area experts throughout the Archdiocese.	Loyola Press, Joe Paprocki PCLs may facilitate the use of these materials at the local parish. PCLs received prior training from the Catechetical Office Staff.	Loyola Press, Catechetical Formation Series These courses are taken online. For course details and registration information visit: https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/parish-ministry/advancing-ministry-skills/the-catechetical-formation-series/
Vocation of the Catechist (Formally “Spirituality”)	WHY	Vocation of the Catechist: Catechists receive “The Catechist’s Backpack”, Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press.	“The Catechist’s Backpack” Facilitated at local parish.	Session 10: The Person of the Catechist – COMING SOON
Methodology	HOW	Methodology: Catechists receive “The Catechist’s Toolbox”, Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press.	“The Catechist’s Toolbox” Facilitated at local parish.	AVAILABLE NOW - Session 1: Getting Started and Getting to Know Your Learners Session 2: The Catechetical Process COMING SOON - Learning Session 3: Prayer and Leading Prayer Learning Session 4: Facilitation Skills & Handling Difficult Situations
Doctrinal 5 areas of study: 1. Creed 2. Morality 3. Liturgy & Sacraments 4. Prayer & Spirituality 5. Scripture (OT&NT)	WHAT	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	COMING SOON – Creed: Session 5 – What We Believe – The Creed Morality: Session 7 – What We Believe – The Moral Life Liturgy and Sacraments: Session 6 – What We Believe – The Sacraments Prayer and Spirituality: Session 8 – What We Believe - Prayer Scripture: Session 9 – Understanding God’s Word- Scripture

AREA of Certification		University of Notre Dame – McGrath Institute for Church Life These modules are taken online. CLICK HERE for course details and registration information	University of Dayton (VLCFF)-ONLINE These courses are taken online. For course details and registration information visit: https://vlcff.udayton.edu/	Currently looking into other options
Vocation of the Catechist (Formally “Spirituality”)	WHY		Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is . . .) AND Seminar 1.2 (Vocation of the Catechist)	
Methodology	HOW		“Faith and Human Development”	
Doctrinal 5 areas of study: 1. Creed 2. Morality 3. Liturgy & Sacraments 4. Prayer & Spirituality 5. Scripture (OT&NT)	WHAT	Available for free: REGISTER BY MAY 31st Creed: “The Profession of Faith” Morality: “Life in Christ” Liturgy and Sacraments: “Celebration of the Christian Mystery” Prayer and Spirituality: “Christian Prayer”	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”)	

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:
<https://rcancatechists.wixsite.com/rcancatechists>

