



Forming Effective Disciples (FED) Catechetical Certification

State-wide Catholic Personnel Policies:

Catechetical Leader

- » Practicing Catholic
- » Elevated Certification (within 8 years of hire)
- » Master's Degree and License
- » Ongoing Formation (45 hours every 5 years)

School Catechist

- » Practicing Catholic
- » Elevated Certification (within 8 years of hire)
- » Bachelor's Degree and License
- » Ongoing Formation (15 hours every 5 years)

Teacher

- » Foundational Certification (within 3 years of hire)
- » Bachelor's Degree and License
- » Ongoing Formation (15 hours every 5 years)

Why Certification?

- » **Teachers need to be living witnesses**

Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. Pope Paul VI

- » **Teachers are evangelizers**

Evangelize means to proclaim the Gospel

- » **The Catholic faith must be integrated into all aspects of the curriculum**

In a Catholic school, God cannot be the Great Absent One or the unwelcome intruder
The Religious Dimensions of a Catholic School

Foundational Certification

Required for all regardless of role

- » 7 required modules
- » Retreat
- » 3- years



Continuing Formation

Final phase for all once required level is obtained

- » Leaders 45 hours per 5 years
- » Teachers and Catechists: 15 hours per 5 years



Elevated Certification

Required for all Catechetical Leaders and School Catechists

- » 6 required classes through VLCCFF
- » Service Component

