

Catechetical Ministry

The Specialization in Catechetical Ministry exists to form persons in their catechetical ministries to adults, youth, or children in the Archdiocese of Louisville. This formational process fosters the acquisition of appropriate applied knowledge and skills as well as the continued spiritual formation of catechists.

PARTICIPANTS

Persons called to minister in a formal way by proclaiming and teaching God's Word are encouraged to participate in catechetical formation, specifically Catholic School Teachers of Religion/Theology, Parish Catechists (of Adults, Youth or Children), Parish Catechetical Leaders, Coordinators of RCIA, Principals, Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers, and Adult Faith Formation Leaders.

REQUIREMENTS

There are three levels within the specialization. Additional hours taken in each level will be applied to the next level. Coursework may be taken through the Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute (ALMI), video options, online courses, or other **pre-approved** offerings. No more than 20 percent (40 hours) of the required coursework may be completed on an individual basis; the remaining requirements must be fulfilled through live, gathered offerings and interactive online options.

LEVEL I - ASSOCIATE CATECHIST (completion of 20 hours in the following coursework plus ongoing formation)

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| Overview of Catechetical Ministry - 5 hours | Introduction to Scripture – 2.5 hours |
| Faith Development – 2.5 hours | Introduction to Sacraments – 2.5 hours |
| Images of God – 2.5 hours | Introduction to Christology – 2.5 hours |
| Introduction to Prayer - 2.5 hours | |

Ongoing Formation (15 hours every two years from the categories in Level II)

LEVEL II – ADVANCED CATECHIST (Completion of Level I with an additional 120 hours plus ongoing formation)

THEOLOGY/CONTENT (40 hours within a minimum of 7 different content areas -no more than 6 hours will be credited in any one content area. Additional hours will roll over to Level III.)

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| Christology | Spirituality | Morality |
| Sacraments | Liturgy | Culture/Diversity |
| Scripture | Prayer | Justice |
| Family Life | Church | Catholic Beliefs and Practices |

CATECHETICS (40 hours)

Mentoring Experience - 15 hours
Remaining hours in Catechetics
(See offerings posted in the Professional Development Calendar)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION (40 hours)

Spiritual Formation requirements may be fulfilled by a variety of methods, e.g.,
Discipleship Specialization, Prayer Groups,
Spiritual Direction, Days of Reflection, Retreats

Ongoing Formation (15 hours every two years from the categories in Level III)

LEVEL III – MASTER CATECHIST (Completion of Level I & II plus an additional 80 hours from the following categories)

Theology/Content (40 hours within a minimum of 5 different content area)
Besides the ones listed above, Electives will be added to the Level III Theology/Content area
Catechetics/Methods (20 hours) – See above
Spiritual Formation (20 hours) – See above

LOCATION and TIMES

Please contact the Office of Lifelong Formation and Education for current times and locations.

COST: Varies

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