

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PARISH CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

Level I Courses include:

The Role and Person of the Catechist: The role and vocation of the catechist, qualities of the catechist, and growth as a catechist will be explored.

Faith and Moral Development: The moral and faith development dimension of the learner is explored in this course.

I Believe/We Believe: This course explores the central creedal statements of the Catholic Church. The primary foci are: the three persons of the Blessed Trinity, the church and the formation of the creeds.

Catholic Understanding of Scripture: This course explores the central themes and message of the Bible, as well as the formation of the scriptures, inspiration and revelation.

Liturgy and Sacraments: This course explores the definition of liturgy and its relationship to our Christian identity. All seven sacraments are examined.

Catholic Morality: This course examines definitions of morality and virtue, sin, moral action, and conscience. It also explores the commandments, beatitudes and principles of Catholic social teaching.

Prayer and Spirituality: This course reflects on the meaning of Christian prayer, how we grow in our spirituality and ends with a study of the Our Father.

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Level II Courses include:

Old Testament: God's Revelation *

New Testament: Revelation in Christ*

Creed: Profession of a Living Faith*

Sacraments and Worship: Celebration of the Christian Mystery *

Catholic Morality: Life in Christ *

Christian Prayer & Spirituality: Intimacy with Christ *

Christology: Jesus of the Gospels and History

Ecclesiology: who We Are as Church in the World

Church History: Church throughout Time

Mary and the Saints: Companions on the Journey

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(* Indicates Required Course. Students must choose 2 of the remaining 4 as electives.)

Level III Certification Requirements

The parish catechist should complete the requirements for a Master's degree in theology or related field from a recognized Catholic university. Master Degree and Certificate programs are offered by both Spring Hill College and Loyola University Extension programs in our diocese.

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