

Diocese of Corpus Christi



FAQ

Will catechists receive credit for courses taken in the St. Paul School of Catechesis?

Yes. This is the equivalency chart:

St. Paul School of Catechesis Courses Taken between 2011-2017	Institute for Parish Leadership and Ministry Formation Called to Teach-Serve-Witness Level 1 Catechist Certification
Prayer and Spirituality	Prayer and Spirituality
<i>One of the following:</i> Old and New Testament Scripture Elective Course Catholic Doctrine Church History Elective Course	Creed and Scripture
Catholic Morality	Introduction to Christian Morality
Liturgy and Sacraments	Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments
<i>One of the following:</i> *Evangelization and Catechesis *Religious Education Elective	Ministry of Catechesis (Catechesis 101)

*** It is recommended that catechists that took either of these courses also complete The Ministry of Catechesis online as there is a methodology and lesson planning component. However, it is not required.**

Will there be a cost for certification?

Yes there is a minimal cost for each level.

Scholarships may be addressed through a participant's parish. It is recommended that those completing courses for certification receive a 50% scholarship reimbursement from their parish upon completion of a course.

Who needs to take Level I?

All catechists for parish religious education programs and youth ministry programs who are just starting the certification process need to complete certification Level I. The program is designed to be completed in one year.

Do Parish Catechetical Leaders

Parish Catechetical Leaders that did not complete course work for Commissioning through the St. Paul School of Catechesis or through the Pastoral Institute are asked to complete Level 1 and Level II Catechist Certification and continue to Level III ongoing formation. **A Parish Catechetical Leader Certification is in development.** As a Catechetical Leader, you should encourage your catechists to start this program after the launch date. You can register your catechists or they can do it themselves by going to www.faithformationcc.com.

How will Catechetical Leaders be a part of this certification process?

As a parish faith leader, you will be able to view the online progress of your catechists and be informed when they meet all online requirements or complete a live course. You will be able to organize your catechists as a group cohort and register them in an online certification course.

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Who takes Level II?

Catechists that complete Level 1 and the Level 1 Certification Retreat may continue with Level II. Catechists who complete Level 1 Certification have two years to complete their Level II Certification.

Who takes Level III?

Catechists that have completed all course work through the St. Paul School of Catechesis and have been commissioned, catechists that are working towards recommissioning may continue in Level III. Catechists that are completing certification beginning with Level I, continue with Level II. Once Level II and the Level II retreat is completed these catechists may continue with Level III ongoing formation.

What are the steps to begin?

All participants set up a log-in through our new website: www.faithformationcc.com.

Is it necessary to have an email address?

Yes, all participants must have an email address.

Who will be the administrator?

Each parish is assigned one log-in administrator. The pastor of each parish will designate the admin. Usually this will be the parish catechetical leader and/or youth minister. Each parish admin will be given access to track formation for their parish catechists.

Will there be a training?

Yes. A live webinar training will be offered shortly before our Go Live Date and an online admin toolkit will be accessible for all admins and include additional information. The Live Webinar Training is Thursday, November 2, 2017.

When does the new catechist certification program begin?

The Go Live Date is Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Will there be live courses?

Yes, live courses will be offered. The online courses and the live courses for Level 1 and Level II are the same. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will continue to provide instructors for the live courses.

Will courses be available in Spanish?

Yes. Courses are available in Spanish online. A Diocesan approved instructor may teach live courses in Spanish.