

GENERAL INFORMATION

Well-formed catechists are those who can effectively share the Catholic faith in a way that is transformative in the lives of others. Through intentional formation, catechists are prepared and equipped for their ministry, experience growth in their relationship with Jesus, and model lifelong learning to youth and others.

EACH YEAR, CATECHISTS MUST STRIVE FOR:

- **2 THEOLOGICAL TOPICS , 3 CREDITS EACH**
- **1 MINISTRY SKILL TOPIC, 2 CREDITS**
- **MONTHLY VIRTUS COMPLIANCE**

THE LEARNING PORTAL:
WWW.DOBFORMATION.ORG

All catechist formation opportunities in the Diocese of Buffalo can be found at

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There is a combination of live workshops, online learning, and independent study programs for catechists to become more equipped to serve in the ministry to which they have been called.

The learning portal records all completed catechist formation in individual accounts, and will be stored on the site for users and coordinators to review.

How to Register for Workshops/Courses:

Visitors can view online courses and live workshops as well as other formation offered at partner sites.

- Select the workshop/course of your choice by clicking on “Add to Cart” and then “Checkout.”
- Follow instructions in the secure checkout and select “Place Order.” (*online courses have a fee, live workshops do not*)
- View your “purchased” selections by logging into your account at DOBformation.org
- Choosing an option under the “External Formation” tab? Please notify Lifelong Faith Formation at llff@buffalodiocese.org in order for us to note your account accordingly.

FOR LEADERS:
PLANNING CATECHIST
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The Department of Lifelong Formation is dedicated to assisting and supporting parish leaders in providing quality formation for catechists.

Leaders can choose from a selection of approved catechist formation in the form of live workshops, online courses, or external formation (such as Formed, Christ the King Seminary, Boston College) or they can contact the department for assistance in developing a personalized plan for their parish catechists.

Things to consider about catechist formation:

- Review the 14 standards in the *Forming Disciples* curriculum to consider which topics are needed most.
- Guide catechists toward specific offerings that will strengthen knowledge or skills they need the most.
- Use resources/activities in your parish community to supplement or strengthen catechist formation

If you are considering providing alternative formation, please contact the Department for Lifelong Faith Formation prior to implementation for approval.