

THE BASICS

Well-formed catechists are those who can effectively share the Catholic faith in a way that is transformative in the lives of others.

EACH YEAR, CATECHISTS MUST STRIVE FOR:

- **2 THEOLOGICAL TOPICS = 3 CREDITS EA.**
- **1 MINISTRY SKILLS = 2 CREDITS**
- **MONTHLY VIRTUS COMPLIANCE**

We invite everyone who serves in ministry to learn more about the Catholic faith and discover new ways to guide the next generation of missionary disciples in our diocese.

REGISTRATION & RECORDS

Starting March 2019: If you have not received an email from My Catholic Faith Delivered with a link to complete registration, contact your coordinator with your email address to be added to the system.

Once an account is created, you will receive an email inviting you to complete registration. Formation options can then be selected. Selections will be recorded automatically for live workshops and most online courses. Other formation can simply be uploaded for approval.

Leaders will also be invited to create an account with administrator status, in order to have access to catechists records. Through this platform, you can easily inform and encourage catechists to fulfill formation requirements.

THE LEARNING PORTAL

The Department of Lifelong Formation is dedicated to assisting and supporting parish leaders in providing quality formation.

BEGINNING IN MARCH 2019

WWW.DOBFORMATION.ORG is the center for formation for all those who serve in ministry.

By providing a combination of live workshops, online learning, and independent study, ministers will be better equipped to serve in the ministry to which they have been called.

Pre-registration is necessary for all courses/workshops. All live and online courses are available at our formation site.

PLANNING CATECHIST FORMATION

Annually, a varied selection of approved formation will be offered. Leaders can choose from these pre-approved options, or they can contact the department for assistance in developing a personalized plan for their parish catechists.

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

Questions? Contact Megan Nixon
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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

CATECHIST FORMATION

SPRING OFFERINGS

January—May 2019

“Catechists are called to continual conversion and growth in their faith and, for this reason, are called to ongoing spiritual formation.”

NDC, 55C

THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

WORKSHOPS

Catholic Social Teaching: *(two contact hours + one hour independent)*

- ◆ April 6, 10:30am-12:30pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Tonawanda
- ◆ May 6, 6:30pm-8:30pm, St. Mary of the Lake, Hamburg

Sacraments of Initiation : *(two contact hours + one hour independent)*

- ◆ February 2, 9:30am-11:30am, Holy Family, Albion

ONLINE ANYTIME

Sacraments *(My Catholic Faith Delivered):* Consists of three lessons that cover a general overview of all sacraments and the sacraments of initiation in depth. **Available March 2019**

Scripture *(My Catholic Faith Delivered):* Three lessons on the origin of Scripture, Jesus Christ, and the Gospels. **Available March 2019**

Symbolon, Pt I & Pt II *(Formed) Approved only when guided and used with workbooks and/or study guides.*

Every catechist must attend to the following each year:

2 THEOLOGICAL TOPICS = 3 CREDITS PER TOPIC

1 MINISTERIAL SKILL = 2 CREDITS PER TOPIC

FOR A TOTAL OF 8 CREDIT HOURS YEARLY.

FROM THE SEMINARY

Ministry Essentials: Catholic Teaching *Introductory course on theology, Mondays*

- ◆ January 28-April 15, 6:30pm-8:30pm

From the Beginning: The Gospel of John: *5 wk course on Scripture, Thursdays*

- ◆ February 7-March 7, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Offered at CKS and St. Leo's Amherst

Register at www.cks.edu

SEASONAL ONLINE

Paul's Letter to the Romans

- ◆ February 13—March 27

Eucharist: At the Heart of Catholic Life

- ◆ March 13—April 3

From Boston College; register online at www.bc.edu

SPECIAL EVENTS

RCIA Virtual Training Course: Essentials of Christian Initiation (6 weeks, Mondays)

- ◆ January 28- March 4, 8:00pm-9:30pm

Visit our diocesan website for registration information, www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome

MINISTRY SKILLS

WORKSHOPS

Growing Pains: *This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years.*

- ◆ March 30, 9:30am-11:30am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean,
- ◆ April 30, 6:30pm-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore

From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator: Is Anyone Learning Anything? *Effective strategies to properly balance discussion, sharing, and learning about the Catholic faith. In this interactive session discover how to make the most of the time you have with a group – whether adults or youth.*

- ◆ January 16, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Catholic Center, Buffalo
- ◆ February 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Ascension, Batavia
- ◆ April 25, 6:30pm-8:30pm, TBD

Catechist as Missionary Disciple: *Guides the catechist in personal reflection on importance of being a faith witness.*

- ◆ February 7, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Sacred Heart, Lakewood

Cultivating Faith in the Home: *This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families in Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.*

- ◆ March 15, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Catholic Center, Buffalo

ONLINE ANYTIME

Skills I: Basics *(My Catholic Faith Delivered):* Learn more about the mission of catechesis and evangelization, and the spirituality of the catechist. **Available March 2019**

Skills II: Basics *(My Catholic Faith Delivered):* Discusses the nature of catechesis and the various stages of development of the person catechized. **Available March 2019**

The Wild Goose Series *(Formed)*

FROM THE SEMINARY

Ministry Essentials II: Skills & Practices

- ◆ Beginning January 29, 6:30pm-8:30pm St. Joseph, Fredonia
- ◆ Beginning January 30, 6:30pm-9:30pm Infant of Prague, Cheektowaga
- ◆ Beginning January 31, 6:30pm-9:30pm Christ the King Seminary

National Dialogue and Group Dynamics

- ◆ March 23, 9:00am-2:00pm

Spring Retreat: Your Intentional "Yes" May Lead to Sacrifice

- ◆ April 5-6, 7pm Friday to 3pm Saturday

Register at www.cks.edu

SPECIAL EVENTS

CMD Workshop: Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries

- ◆ Saturday, June 8, 8:30am-2:30pm St. Francis Park, Hamburg

Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome