

Parish and diocesan personnel and others involved in catechetical ministry should help catechists develop the qualities needed...

National Catechetical Directory #213



Since the inception of the program in 1994, many catechists have received the certification of completion. Over 350 catechists have participated in catechist formation through *In the Ministry of the Word*.

“Formation seeks to enable catechists to transmit the Gospel ...”

General Directory for Catechesis #235

In the Ministry in the Word is a catechist formation program sponsored through Catholic Education Ministries. Each two-hour session focuses upon a different aspect of basic formation that helps the catechist become more effective and confident in their ministry of catechesis. This formal, structured, sequential training process is available free of charge to any parish in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Upon completion of all 16 sessions, the catechist will receive a certificate.

If you are interested in arranging for this Catechist Formation and Training Process in your parish or area of the Diocese of Saint Cloud, please contact:

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IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



**Catechist Formation and Training
Process**

Catholic Education Ministries
Diocese of Saint Cloud, Minnesota

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THE CALL TO MINISTRY (Vocation)

Becoming a Catechist - (2 hours)

- *Catechist's call, role, and spirituality*
- *Developing a relationship with Christ*
- *The Catechetical process and its tasks*
- *Catechetical Documents of the Church*

CATECHETICAL SKILLS (Tools)

The Learning Environment - (2 hours)

- *Creating a Supportive Learning Environment*
- *Creating a Prayerful Environment*
- *Engaging Learners at their Level*
- *Challenges*

Developmental Theories and Catechesis - (2 hours)

- *Educational and psychological development*
- *Stages of faith development*
- *Relationship between faith development and curriculum*

Learning Styles and Methods - (2 hours)

- *Individual Differences*
- *Learning Styles*
- *Multiple Intelligences*
- *Effective Teaching and the NDC*
- *Instructional Strategies*

Curriculum and Instruction - (2 hours)

- *Definitions*
- *Instruction/Formation*
- *Partnership w/ Parents*
- *Faith Formation Standards, Goals, and Objectives*
- *Mapping & Lesson Planning*
- *Types of Curriculum*
- *Connecting Head with Heart*
- *Evaluations and Review*

Media and Catechesis - (2 hours)

- *History of Media and Catechesis*
- *Discipling a Media'ed People*
- *Tools for Catechesis*
- *Principles and Challenges*

CATECHETICAL MESSAGE (Theology)

Prayer and Spirituality - (2 hours)

- *Defining Prayer and Spirituality*
- *Developing a Relationship with Christ*
- *Types of Prayer*
- *Blessings*
- *Spirituality for Different Ages*
- *Faith Sharing*

Liturgy and Worship - (2 hours)

- *Purpose of Liturgy*
- *Liturgical Documents and Introduction to GIRM*
- *Liturgical Year*
- *Planning a Liturgy*
- *Liturgical Music*

- *The Mass and Real Presence*
- *Introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours*
- *Lay Presiding*

Sacraments - (2 hours)

- *Grace and the Sacramental Principle*
- *Seven Sacraments of Initiation, Healing and Ministry*
- *Implications*

The Revelation of God - (2 hours)

- *Revelation: God's Presence in our World*
- *How Christians See God*
- *Scriptural Images of God*
- *Catechetical Implications*

Scripture: Hebrew Testament - (2 hours)

- *Development of the Bible*
- *Canon*
- *Literary Forms*
- *Wisdom, Prophetic, Historical, Torah*

Scripture: Christian Testament - (2 hours)

- *Gospels and Acts*
- *Synoptic Comparison and Sources*
- *Epistles*
- *Revelations*

Moral Life - (2 hours)

- *Christian Morality as a Journey of Conversion*
- *Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and the Greatest Commandment*
- *Chastity Education*
- *Benedict XVI's Encyclicals*

Catholic Social Teachings - (2 hours)

- *Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*
- *Resources for CST*

Church/Ecclesiology - (2 hours)

- *Mission of Church*
- *History: Pre and Post Vatican II*
- *Models of Church*
- *Role of the Holy Spirit*
- *Four Marks of the Church*
- *Church in the Modern World*
- *Exploring Ecumenism and Major*

World Religions - (2 hours)

- *Defining Ecumenism*
- *Defining the term Interfaith*
- *Vatican II Documents*
- *Examining Catholic Attitudes*