

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*