

Specialized Catechist Certification

Catechists must first attain Basic Catechist Certification before they may attain Specialized Catechist Certification. Specialized Catechist Certification recognizes those who are trained to teach high school students, adults, or areas of specialty.

Requirements for Specialized Catechist Certification:

- A completed Specialized Catechist Certification Application Form;
- A signed Catechist Oath of Fidelity; and
- **50 hours of verified course work (Grade: 80+%, transcript required) in one of the following areas:**
 - Classroom Methods and Management
 - Biblical Catechesis/Scripture
 - Ministry Coordination and Leadership
 - Church History
 - Catechetical Tradition
 - Morality
 - Evangelization and Discipleship
 - Apologetics
 - Faith Formation and Spirituality

The Diocese has partnered with two apostolates that offer Specialized Catechist Certification courses (see Course Login Instructions, p. 19):

- **Catholic Education Center**
- **Catholic Distance University**

The **Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute** also offers courses which may be used to **renew of Specialized Catechist Certification**, so long as the coursework is verified and meets the requirements noted above. The Diocese of Arlington has a partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute; **participant copay \$0/course. Franciscan Catechetical Institute courses will count as 5 hours each.**

Renewal:

- Specialized Catechist Certification must be renewed every three years with an additional 10 hours of verified study in the same area of specialty.

DIOCESAN-APPROVED SPECIALIZED CATECHIST CERTIFICATION COURSES (by subject)

Note: Some courses may fit into more than one category; they are organized this way to ensure at least 50 hours of coursework are available for Specialized Catechist Certification.

Catholic Education Center, LLC: www.catholiceducationcenter.com Enrollment Key: Arlington; copay \$0 Each course is 10 hours. Classes offered in English.	Catholic Distance University: www.cdu.edu Enrollment Key: CDU15ARLINGTON; copay \$45. Each course is 10 hours, non-credit All offered in English, many offered in Spanish.
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Classroom Methods & Management	Classroom Methods & Management
MIN101: Successful Classroom Management CAT210: Methods and Learning Styles CAT214: Reaching Students with Special Learning Needs CAT106: Tools for Teachers and Methods for Discipleship MIN102: Time Management for Ministry	RELED N036: Teaching High School Religion RELED N042: Forming Disciples: The Basic Tasks of Catechesis RELED N004: NDC: Vitalizing the Catechetical Ministry
Biblical Catechesis/Scripture	Biblical Catechesis/Scripture
CAT220: Eden to Egypt: Adam to Joseph CAT221: The Ministry of Moses CAT222: Judges to Jesus: Expecting the Savior CAT223: Jesus' Public Ministry CAT224: The Early Church in the Bible	THEO N107: Constitution on Divine Revelation SCRPT N113: T <i>Old Testament:</i> SCRPT N022: Introduction to Genesis SCRPT N050: The Psalms: Israel's Prayer and Ours SCRPT N034: The Historical Books of the Old Testament SCRPT N145: Wisdom Books of the Old Testament SCRPT N148: The Prophets and Morality SCRPT N146: Christ: The Suffering Servant of Isaiah <i>New Testament:</i> SCRPT N066: The Gospel of St. Matthew SCRPT N067: The Gospel of St. Mark SCRPT N068: The Gospel of St. Luke SCRPT N162: The Gospel of St. John SCRPT N061: The Acts of the Apostles SCRPT N174: The Letters of St. Paul, Part I
Ministry Coordination & Leadership	
MIN110: Parish Catechetical Leader Resources MIN141: The RCIA and its Rites MIN145: Leadership in Ministry MIN144: Training Catechetical Leaders CAT204: Teaching the Faith: Catechetical Documents	
Church History	Church History
CAT230: Pentecost – 800 A.D. CAT231: 801 AD – Reformation CAT232: Counter-Reformation to Present AFF230: The Second Vatican Council AFF231: An Introduction to the Church	CHIST 1492 – CHIST 1808 – CHIST 1908 – CHIST CHIST CHIST CHIST Paul II CHIST N128: Early American Catholic History 1808 N138: The Rise of American Catholicism 1908 N148: Modern American Catholic History Present N025: The True Story of the Crusades N073: The Inquisition N086: Pius XII: In Defense of Truth N168: Life and Pontificate of St. John N161: History of Vatican Council II
Catechetical Tradition	Catechetical Tradition
AFF101: The Pedagogy of God: Eden to Eden AFF100: Teaching with the Scriptures: An Introduction to the Bible	THEO N143: Introduction to the Eastern Fathers of the Church

CAT202: Teaching the Faith: Apostles to Apologists CAT203: Teaching the Faith: The Great Catechists CAT204: Teaching the Faith: Catechetical Documents	
	<i>Morality</i>
	THEO N007: Life in Christ THEO N163: Basics of Morality THEO N164: The Ten Commandments: One – Five THEO N165: The Ten Commandments: Six – Ten THEO N183: Catholic Teaching on Several Social Issues THEO N187: Social Teachings: Religious Liberty Issues THEO N106: Constitution on the Church in the Modern World
<i>Evangelization & Discipleship</i>	<i>Evangelization & Discipleship</i>
MIN100: Self-Management for Ministry MIN107: Christ the Teacher MIN106: Forming Disciples MIN108: Teaching in Imitation of Christ the Teachers MIN134: The Ministry of Apologetics	THEO N021: The Art of Evangelization through Apologetics RELED N001: Basic Catechetics for Discipleship RELED N034: Pioneers in American Catholic Education THEO N168: JP II: The Culture of Life
	<i>Apologetics</i>
	THEO N018 Proclaiming the Reality of God: Compelling Evidence of God's Existence THEO N033 Making the Case for Christ THEO N043 How Are We Saved? THEO N042 Why do We Need the Church? THEO N019 Why would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain, and Suffering?
<i>Faith Formation & Spirituality</i>	<i>Faith Formation & Spirituality</i>
AFF213: The Domestic Church; Catholic Parenting AFF214: Faith Formation for Young Children AFF215: Leading Children to a Mature Faith CAT200: Faith Formation: Youths and Adults AFF241: Our Vocation: The Virtuous Life	THEO N008: Christian Prayer SPIR N057: The Our Father: Gateway to Scripture SPIR N037: Scriptural foundations of the Hail Mary THEO N158: Liturgy of the Hours SPIR N055: Eucharistic Devotions SPIR N156: Classics in Prayer and the Spiritual Life THEO N048: Catholic Parenting THEO N158: Liturgy of the Hours THEO N038: Mary: Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the Church SPIR N113: St. Augustine's Confessions and City of God THEO N056: The Mass: History, Theology and Spirituality THEO N068: The Way to Inner Peace and Mercy SPIR N064: Vatican II: Lay Spirituality