

**DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS  
CATECHIST FORMATION PROCESS  
ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE COURSES**

**Echoes of Faith-NCCL - 13 videos and companion booklets for 30 hrs of Basic Formation  
5 Theological Modules and 8 Catechetical Modules**

Completing the requirements for the Echoes of Faith Program (viewing **all** videos and utilizing **all** the companion booklet material) plus the Elective and the Personal Spiritual Enrichment requirements of our diocesan process will equal requirement completion of the Basic Level of our diocesan Catechist Formation Process.

Check out [www.rclweb.com](http://www.rclweb.com) or call RCL at 1-877-275-4725 to order the booklets. Call Cindy Callan-(217) 698-8500 x137 in the Office for Catechesis to check out the videos.

**Catechist Magazine/University of Dayton Courses**

After 20 years the Peter Li publishing company has decided to terminate the program and use the space in the magazine for something else. So there will no longer be a Catechist Formation course offered in Catechist Magazine starting this Fall.

**Online Courses – The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation**

There are 7 cycles of courses throughout the year. Please call 1-888-300-8436 or check online at <http://vlc.udayton.edu> for current information and registration. To get information on how the courses correspond to our diocesan process please call Chris Malmevik at (217)-698-8500, ext.178. There is a VLCFF course for every requirement of our process. Also those who earn the **Certificate in Catechesis** from the VLCFF will meet the requirements for the diocesan **Advanced Level** Certificate.

**Why Catholic? Program – Book and discussion**

*The Profession of Faith* – Basic Overview of Catholic Teachings plus Personal Spiritual Enrichment hours

*The Celebration of the Christian Mystery* – Basic Sacraments in General or Advanced Sacraments in Depth if Basic Sacraments have already been taken plus Personal Spiritual Enrichment hours

*Life in Christ – Walking with God* – Basic Introduction to Morality Credit plus Personal Spiritual Enrichment hours

*Christian Prayer* – Intermediate Discipleship/Spirituality plus Personal Spiritual Enrichment hours

**Catholicism Project** by Fr. Robert Barron – **DVD (10) and Book 10 sessions**

Basic Overview of Catholic Teaching credit

**Catholicism the New Evangelization** by Fr. Robert Barron – DVD and Study Guide

10 hours Personal Spiritual Enrichment

**Priest, Prophet, King** by Fr. Robert Barron – DVD and Study Guide

10 hours Intermediate Jesus (Christology) credit

**Ascension Press' Bible Timeline** - 48 hours (24 sessions x 2 hours each):

Introduction to Scripture

Gospels

Themes in Scripture

18 hours elective

**Ascension Press' A Journey through the Bible** - 8 sessions, 1.5-2 hour sessions (12 – 16 hours):

Introduction to Scripture credit and 2-4 hour elective or elective only credit if Intro to Scripture has been completed.

**Ascension Press' Matthew The King and His Kingdom** - 24 sessions:

Gospels, Themes in Scripture and 28 hrs elective credit or all 48 hrs elective credit if other courses have been completed.

Completing the 2 year **Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program** earns the Advanced Level certificate in the Catechist Formation Process if the Catechetical Leadership specialization has been completed.

Each class of Year One lines up this way:

Orientation to Ministry – Elective 10 hours

Overview of the Catholic Faith – Overview of Catholic Teaching

Liturgy and Prayer – Elective 10 hours

Liturgy and Sacraments – Sacraments in General

Catholic Moral Theology – Intro to Morality

Catholic Social Teaching – Catholic Social Teaching

Theology of Church - Elective 10 hours

History of the Church – Vatican Council II documents/Survey of Church History

Christian Human Growth and Development – Basic Methodology Parts One and Two

Scripture – Intro to Scripture

With an additional 30 hours of PSE (Personal Spiritual Enrichment) one would have the Basic Level covered. The remainder of courses gives one a course in the intermediate level, a course in the advanced level and an additional 20 hours of elective credit.

**Watching a diocesan webinar and discussing questions as a faculty/group**

1. Intermediate Level Discipleship/Spirituality <http://bit.ly/BetterDisciple>