

## I am a Catholic School Teacher (K-12)

Catechists who teach content areas other than religion or theology are models of the faith to their students. They are required to complete a minimum of one faith formation workshop per year. The courses taken will count towards their professional development hours required of all teachers and should be submitted to the school principal at the conclusion of each school year. These courses may be taken virtually by the individual teacher, in small groups, at summertime in-person training, or at other time in-person training hosted by the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.



## I am a Religion / Theology Teacher (K-8)

Catechists who are responsible for teaching religion or theology classes must be practicing Catholics with a deep knowledge of the Faith. They should meet diocesan standards for certification as a catechist by taking a minimum of two workshops per year until the Master Catechist Certification is complete. The courses taken will count towards the professional development hours required of all teachers and should be submitted to the school principal at the conclusion of each school year. These courses may be taken virtually by the individual teacher, in small groups, or at summertime in-person training, or at other time in-person training hosted by the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.



*“Catechesis draws strength from the liturgy.”*

POPE BENEDICT XVI,  
SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS, §64



## SIGN UP FOR THE CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The Diocese of Covington has partnered with the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute  
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The Catechetical Institute (CI) is a large-scale international outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville for ministry formation. CI was formally organized in 2015 and publicly launched in 2017 to serve Christ and his Church by forming those entrusted with the formation of others in any situation and ministry role — priests, deacons, religious, parents, parish and school leaders, teachers, catechists, and teams, whether professional or volunteer, from homes to diocesan hierarchies.

Please, visit our Landing Page on the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute's Website:  
<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-covington>.

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## CATECHIST FORMATION & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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The purpose of the catechetical formation and certification program is to help the whole community of faith in the Diocese of Covington to come to a basic knowledge of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church, and to prepare future generations to answer the call to holiness.

The Diocese of Covington's Catechetical Formation and Certification Program was developed to engage the community of the Diocese in the ongoing formation of the Catholic faith and to provide the best possible training for all the faithful involved in catechesis.

## I am a Religion / Theology Teacher (9-12)

Catechists who teach religion or theology in high school must be practicing Catholics with a bachelor's degree in catholic theology, religious education, or religious studies, or other subjects, such as pastoral care or spirituality. They should meet diocesan standards for certification as a Master



Catechist. They must continue growing in their relationship with Jesus and in their knowledge of the faith by participating in a minimum of 10 hours of Ongoing Faith Formation programming annually. Ongoing faith formation can include workshops from the Catechetical Institute, retreats, seminars or other faith formation workshops. They must submit their religion/theology hours to their principal at the conclusion of each school year. The faith formation hours will be counted toward their professional development requirements. Recommended workshops for ongoing faith formation can be found on the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization's webpage or by contacting the office directly.

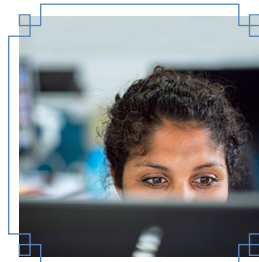
## I am a Catholic School Principal (K-12)

Catholic School Principals must make it a priority to equip their catechists to effectively teach the faith. Principals must complete a minimum of one faith formation workshop and provide a minimum of 3-hours of faith formation training to their faculty/staff each school year. The faith formation training will count toward the annual professional development hours required of the faculty. Catholic school leaders are encouraged to use the course offerings of Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute to lead their staff but may use other programs that meet the needs of the school staff as well. It is highly recommended that the school principal collaborates with the pastor, pastoral administrator, or diocesan officials to determine the faith formation course offered each year.



## I am a Director / Coordinator of Rel. Ed.

Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education must make it a priority to equip their catechists with the training to effectively teach and share faith with their learners. A Director/Coordinator of Religious Education must complete a minimum of one faith formation workshop training each school year as his or her professional development.

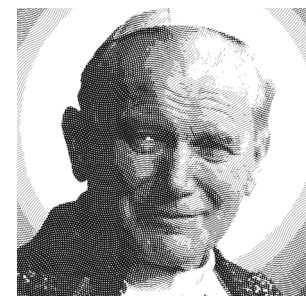


Catechist formation and certification training will nurture the faith of the catechist and teach them to impart this faith to their students effectively. With a solid foundation in Church teaching, catechists may teach beyond the classroom materials and more confidently engage students.

A Director/Coordinator of Religious Education Program should meet semi-regularly with his or her parish catechists and encourage and guide them through the certification process each year. While it is understood that most catechists are volunteers, they are often eager to learn more about the Catholic faith and classroom management, as well as grow in their relationship with Christ. Therefore, parish catechists should be made aware of all that Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute has to offer and invited and welcomed to any diocesan faith formation events. It is primarily the responsibility of the DRE/CRE to ensure that catechists are aware of and encouraged to avail themselves of these opportunities.

*"Catechesis is a sacred and serious duty. It is not just a task to be done but a vocation and a mission to be embraced with love. It is through catechesis that the treasures of the faith are handed on."*

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II, CATECHESI TRADENDAE (1979)



## I am a Parish Catechist

Jesus Christ calls catechists to teach the faith in our Catholic schools or parish religious education programs. Catechists in the Diocese of Covington represent the teaching office of the Bishop. Therefore, they are strongly encouraged to take a minimum of two workshops per year until they reach Master Catechist Certification.



In addition to providing religious education, the catechist nurtures the seeds of faith imparted at Baptism so the Christian may bear great fruit. Catechesis forms the whole person, so they may know God and how to respond to His great love with faith, hope, and charity. From first evangelization, through initiation, to lifelong discipleship, catechesis provides a sure foundation for the Christian life. Catechists accompany their students, helping them to live and bear witness to the faith in the world, preparing them for their eternal reward.

Catechists who are responsible for teaching religion or theology classes must be practicing Catholics with a thorough knowledge of the Christian message and the ability to communicate it completely, faithfully, and enthusiastically; they should also meet diocesan standards for certification as a catechist/teacher. (National Directory for Catechesis 54, Ch. 8, p. 232).