

**Level I
Basic Level**

Spiritual Formation (4)

Theological Formation (12)

- Catholic Doctrine (3)
- Morality (3)
- Sacraments/Liturgy (3)
- Scripture (3)

Catechetical Development

Methodology (4)

- Diocesan Abuse Prevention Workshop (1)
- Safe Environment Workshop (1)
- Catechesis/Methodology (2)

Total of 20 Hours

**LEVEL II
Intermediate Level**

Spiritual Formation (6)

Theological Formation (18)

- The Profession of Faith (3)
- Celebration of the Christian Mystery (3)
- Life in Christ (3)
- Scripture (3)
- Church History/Evangelization (3)
- Catholic Social Teaching (3)

Catechetical Development

Methodology (6)

Total of 30 Hours

**LEVEL III
Advanced**

Spiritual Formation (8)

Theological Formation (21)

- Doctrine (3)
- Sacraments (3)
- Morality (3)
- Scripture (3)
- Church History (3)
- Vatican II (3)
- Catechumenate/RCIA (3)

Catechetical Development

Methodology (10)

Total of 39 Hours

Spirituality Credit can be received for:

- Parish Missions
- Parish Reflection Days/Evenings
- Diocesan Reflection Days/Evenings
- Diocesan Ministries Conference
- Diocesan Faith Formation Day
- Echoes of Faith: Prayer, Person of Catechist*
- Videos such as:
Gathered In My Name: Family Spirituality
Seven Circles of Prayer
Introduction to Personal Prayer
Questions of the Soul: What Is Prayer
Living from the Center: How to Pray

Theological Credit can be received for:

- Parish Adult Faith Formation
- Diocesan Faith Formation Day
- Diocesan Ministries Conference
- Diocesan Workshops
- Parish Catechist Meetings
- Echoes of Faith: Creed, Morality, Scripture, Sacraments*
- Videos such as:
What Is Catholicism?
The Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism
What Catholics Believe Series
Making Sense of Christian Morality
Sacraments: Celebrations of God's Love
Understanding the Bible
Persons, Places, and Practices in the Catholic Church

**Catechetical Development
Methodology Credit can be received for:**

- Parish Catechetical Meetings
- Diocesan Faith Formation Day
- Diocesan Ministries Conference
- Echoes of Faith: Person of Catechist, Role of Catechist, Methods*
- Videos such as:
ADHD in the Classroom: Strategies for Teachers
How Difficult Can This Be: Understanding Learning Disabilities
The ABC's of Discipline
Effective Teaching Methods
Welcome One – Welcome All

The *General Directory for Catechesis* published in 1997 for the universal church states:

“The formation of catechists is made up of different dimensions. The deepest dimension refers to the very being of the catechist, to his human and Christian dimension. Formation, above all else, must help him to mature as a person, a believer and as an apostle. This is what the catechist must know so as to be able to fulfill his responsibilities well. This dimension is permeated by the double commitment he has to the message and to man. It requires the catechist to have a sufficient knowledge of the message that he transmits and to those to whom he transmits the message and of the social context in which they live. This then is the dimension of *savoir-faire*, of knowing how to transmit the message, so that it is an act of communication. The formation of the catechist tends to make of him an “educator of man and of the life of man.” GDC #238

More resources for each category are available in the Diocesan Resource Library. 850-453-3525 or tolbertr@ptdiocese.org <http://ptdlibrary.ptdiocese.org>

Pope John Paul II in his apostolic exhortation *Catechesi Tradendae* #15 stated:

“The church is bidden to offer catechesis her best resources in people and energy, without sparing effort, toil or material means, in order to organize it better and to train qualified personnel.”

The *General Directory for Catechesis* in paragraph number 234 states:

“Diocesan pastoral programs must give absolute priority to the *formation of lay catechists.*”

For more information contact your parish catechetical leader

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