

Catechist Formation and Certification

Primary Certification

To obtain primary certification, a catechist must complete 15 Continuing Education Units (CEU) in the following areas:

CREED	(5 CEUs)
SCRIPTURE	(5 CEUs)
CATECHETICS	(5 CEUs)

Catechists will have two years to complete this certification.

Intermediate Certification

To obtain intermediate certification, a catechist must complete 15 additional CEUs in the following areas:

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY	(5 CEUs)
LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS	(5 CEUs)
MORALITY AND JUSTICE	(5 CEUs)

Catechists will two years to complete this certification. All elementary and middle school catechists are required to earn and maintain this certification level.

Advanced Certification

To obtain advanced certification, a catechist must complete 30 additional CEUs in the following areas:

CATECHETICS	(5 CEUs)
SCRIPTURE	(5 CEUs)
SPIRITUALITY	(5 CEUs)
CHRISTOLOGY	(5 CEUs)
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING	(5 CEUs)
CHURCH HISTORY	(5 CEUs)

Catechists will have three additional years to complete this certification. All high school catechists are required to earn and maintain this certification level.

Catechists are expected to complete **five CEUs** annually to maintain their present certification. Diocesan workshops such as Catechetical Study Day, Catechetical Leaders' Retreat and Arkansas Catholic Professional Day for Teachers may be counted toward this ongoing formation.

Other diocesan workshops and programs, national conferences and/or college course work may also be considered for possible credit. To find out if you can earn credit for a program, workshop or course work not listed here, contact the Office of Faith Formation at (501) 664-0340.