



Diocese of Victoria

Catechetical Formation Program

The *National Directory for Catechesis* states: "Like all Christians, catechists are called to continual conversion and growth in their faith..." Therefore, the courses listed below are provided for parish catechetical leaders, catechists, aides, and others involved in catechetical ministry.

- To help them develop an understanding of the nature and goals of catechesis
- To familiarize them with the resources available to them
- To promote knowledge of the faith, liturgy, and moral formation
- To offer different forms of prayer

BASIC CATECHETICAL COURSES

Catechetical modules help catechists build a firm foundation with practical teaching ideas. Each module requires a minimum of two (2) hours.

- Parish Catechist 101
- Roles of the Catechist
- Getting Started
- Person of the Catechist

The Learner familiarizes catechists with the growth and development which occur throughout the lives of their learners. This module requires a minimum of four (4) hours.

Methodology modules for Grades 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 provide essential teaching skills needed for specific grade levels. Catechists are expected to **take only** the appropriate course for the grade they are teaching. Each module requires a minimum of two (2) hours.

THEOLOGICAL COURSES

Theology modules provide in-depth doctrinal themes contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* along with compelling stories to connect faith to everyday life. These courses can be taken by anyone who wants to further his/her understanding of the basics of the Catholic faith. Each module requires a minimum of six (6) hours.

- I Believe, We Believe
- Catholic Morality
- The Scriptures
- Prayer and Spirituality
- Liturgy & Sacraments
- Church