

Disciples Making Disciples: Diocesan Catechist Formation Day Core Catechist Training & Renewal for ALL Catechists*

Dear Catechist,

Thank you for answering the call to share Catholic faith! You truly help build the Church of the future.

Whether you are brand-new or have been teaching for a while and want to renew and refresh your ministry, we invite you to a special opportunity to find both spiritual inspiration and practical ideas to enhance your faith formation sessions and make them more evangelizing.

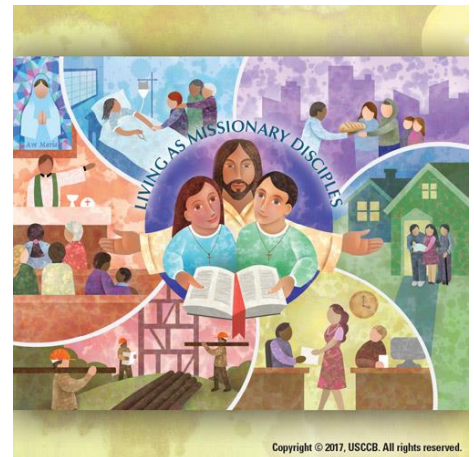
***Is God calling you to grow as a catechist? Are you open to lifelong learning?
Are you unsure how to keep students engaged and growing in relationship with Jesus?
If the answer to any of these is “yes,” you should attend this experience.***

Disciples Making Disciples, a program from the Religious Education Office of the Diocese of Joliet, is an overview of what it means to be a catechist. You will explore:

- *How did God call you to your vocation as catechist?*
- *What is Catechesis? Where do we get the content and what are the teaching methods?*
- *How is Christ the Teacher your model for teaching?*
- *Four roles of the catechist: Storyteller, Teacher-Companion, Leader of Prayer, Witness for Justice*
- *How should Catholics read the Bible?*

More great benefits:

- Be guided by experienced facilitators.
- Engage in reflection and sharing.
- Meet and learn from other catechists
- Experience forms of Catholic prayer you can use in your sessions.
- Gain more confidence in sharing Catholic faith with your students.
- Go home with great resources (including *The Catechist's Toolbox* book!)
- Receive 4 hours catechist formation credit toward your annual six hour minimum.



Sessions begin promptly at 9:00 am and conclude at 1:00 pm (except as otherwise noted for non-Saturday offerings) **Cost is \$17.00 per person, billed to your parish**, which includes materials and refreshments.

If you wish to participate, please complete the registration form on the reverse and **return to your religious education director/coordinator before the registration deadline** indicated for the session you wish to attend.

May Mary, Mother of Catechists, bless you and your ministry.

In Christ's love,
Joyce Donahue

Catechetical Associate, Diocese of Joliet Religious Education Office

***Formerly called "Catechist Initial Formation Day"**

2018 Diocesan Catechist Formation Day Registration Form

*Please return this to your Parish Leader,
who will email or fax a list of registrants' names to the address below.
The REO does not encourage direct registrations from individual catechists.*

*NOTE: Because of the cost of food and materials, parishes will be billed
for number registered, plus any "walk-ins."
If a catechist cannot attend, please inform us in advance or parish will be billed.
If event is canceled, parish leaders will be asked to contact their own catechists.*

Catechist's Name _____ Parish _____
First Last

Phone _____ Special Dietary Needs/Accommodations? _____

Check one	Program Date	Registration Deadline	Location
	Saturday. Sept. 8, 9 am-1 pm	Sept. 4 th	St. Isidore, Bloomingdale
	Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 am-1 pm	Sept. 11 th	Ascension, Oakbrook Terrace
	Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 am-1pm	Sept. 11 th	St. Joseph, Mahattan
	Saturday, Sept. 22, 9 am-1pm	Sept. 18 th	Immaculate Conception, Gilman
	Saturday, Sept. 29, 9 am-1pm	Sept. 25 th	St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield
	Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 am-1pm	Oct. 2 nd	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Darien
	Saturday, Oct. 6, 9am-1 pm	Oct 2 nd	St. Joseph Ministry Center, Bradley
	Tuesday, Oct. 30, 6-9:30 pm	Oct. 26 th	St. Joan of Arc, Lisle
	January 5, 2019, 9 am-1 pm	Dec. 20 th	St. Scholastica, Woodridge

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