

Forming
the
Catechetical Spirit

BASIC Certification in Religious Education 2023-2024 Program

Co-sponsored by Deanery 4/5 and Deanery 12

Location: St. Paul in Genesee Depot
S38 W31602 Wern Way, Genesee Depot, WI 53189



8:00am to 12:00pm

*** Days of Reflection September 23 and April 13 from 8:00am to 2:00pm**

Subsidized by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry

September 23, 2023 *	<i>Called to be a Catechist Day of Reflection</i>
October 14, 2023	<i>The Church and Our Creeds</i>
November 11, 2023	<i>Introduction to Scripture</i>
December 9, 2023	<i>Old Testament and New Testament</i>
January 13, 2024	<i>Catholic Liturgy</i>
January 27, 2024	<i>Sacraments</i>
February 10, 2024	<i>Christian Morality and Social Justice</i>
March 16, 2024	<i>Christian Spirituality and Prayer</i>
April 13, 2024 *	<i>Forming the Catechetical Spirit Day of Reflection</i>

Basic Certification Requirements

Scripture	15 clock hours
Theology	15 clock hours
Methods/Psychology/Spiritual Formation	10 clock hours

Once you complete this program, you will have Basic Certification.

There is no charge for participants.

For more information, contact Dawn Van Dorf at 262-922-9285 or dvandorf@ccwauk.org

Please return to Dawn Van Dorf
St. Mary Parish,
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or email this information to dvandorf@ccwauk.org

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Registration Form

Name _____ Parish _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

Grade level I teach _____ For how long? _____ I am attending for personal enrichment

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BASIC Religious Education Certification Program

Who may participate in this program?

This program is designed for ALL INTERESTED ADULTS, including current Parish Catechists. A Parish Catechist is a person who teaches in a parish catechetical program for Adults, Youth, and/or Children.

What is required to be a Parish Catechist?

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference requires a Parish Catechist to obtain BASIC Religious Education Certification within five years AND be a Practicing Catholic. BASIC Religious Education Certification is a recognition of professional development in Scripture, Theology, Methods / Psychology, and Spiritual Formation at a foundational level of competence, equivalent to at least 40 clock hours. A Practicing Catholic is a Catholic in good standing who participates fully in the worship and life of the Church, and who understands and accepts the teachings of the Church and moral demands of the Gospel, as articulated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

How do I receive BASIC Certification?

Parish Catechists in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee earn certification by attending pre-approved clock hours in Scripture (15 hours), Theology (15 hours), and Methods / Psychology (10 hours) OR by completing a competency-based program. Certification is available at the BASIC, INTERMEDIATE, and ADVANCED levels. Any level of certification must be completed in 5 years.

Do I need to attend the whole program?

To receive BASIC Certification, you must complete the entire program. If you have completed some clock hours in the past five years, then fewer classes are required. **Please include a record of your clock hours with your registration.** The program director has a listing of what category of clock hours are covered at each session. Consult that list to complete your remaining hours.

What if I miss a class?

All 40 hours must be completed to receive your BASIC Certification. To make up a missed class, a maximum of 2 independent study classes are available. The program may be offered again in the future, so making up classes in subsequent years may be an option. The advantages to attending the entire program in one year are 1) the topics are systematic, 2) an adult learning format is used, and 3) a local community of catechists can form.

Is there a fee?

In gratitude for your service to the parish, there is NO fee. If you do not already own them, you will need to purchase a *New American Bible* (recommend *The Catholic Study Bible*, 2nd edition, softcover) and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (recommend 2nd edition, green softcover). *Your parish may provide these.*

Does my Certification need to be renewed?

Certification at any level is valid for three years. It can be renewed at the same level if 15 clock hours of “maintenance” have been completed in a three year period.