

MASTER CATECHIST TRAINING PROGRAM

Purpose: To train and certify Master Catechists who will be qualified and willing to lead catechist formation and training of adults in diocesan parishes upon request.

Eligibility: Open to **experienced catechists** who are ready to deepen their involvement in the catechetical ministry of the Church.

Pastor or DRE to submit name(s) of candidates.

Program: **2 years formal study--8 units/10 hours per unit for total of 80 class hours**

* Year 1 Classes Creed and Revelation
 Liturgy and Sacraments
 Moral Teaching
 Prayer and Catholic Life; Scripture and Catholic Life

* Year 2 Classes General Principles of Catechesis
 Intellectual, Moral & Spiritual Development of Adults
 Educational Theory: How Adults Learn
 Catechist Training Models

* 4 days of reflection annually

Attendance Requirements for Certification: 100% attendance is expected; 75% attendance in each category is required, with an 80% overall attendance in order to earn Master Catechist certification. This includes the spiritual development/days of prayer aspect of the program.

Cost to the Parish: \$400 per year to the parish. **This single fee allows a parish to send as many qualified candidates as they wish for a total cost of \$400 per year.**

Cost to the Individual: none

Fall Schedule: Program begins with the opening Day of Prayer on Saturday, August 30, 2008

Classes begin **September 4, 2008** at Blessed Sacrament in Alexandria. (**schedule for Year I enclosed**)

Registration: **To submit names of candidates:**
Call the Office of Catechetics at 841-2554(or send completed applications to Office of Catechetics, 200 N. Glebe Rd., #503, Arlington, VA 22203)