

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.

Applications (filled out completely) must be signed by Pastor & DRE, and submitted within one week after classes begin.

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

* 3 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

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)