The mission of the Office of Catechetics is to support, assist and guide the catechetical apostolate carried out in the religious education programs in the parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

Through the work of catechesis, the Catholic Church passes on the faith to every generation so that people can enter into communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.

Training was provided for more than 3,000 catechists who bring the Catholic faith to our children and young adults throughout the diocese. This training provides catechists with the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to communicate the Gospel message effectively.

The Master Catechist training program seeks to deepen our teachers’ involvement in the catechetical ministry to help them better teach our students. Nearly 400 master catechists have completed this two-year program.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:
- 26,815 students are enrolled in Faith Formation classes
- 6,067 Baptisms and Professions of Faith in 2019
- 6,736 First Communions in 2019
- 6,104 Confirmations in 2019
- 1,123 adults joined the Catholic Church through R.C.I.A programs in 2019
- 45 new catechists were taught in the Master Catechist Program which now operates out of the Graduate School of Christendom College in Alexandria