



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**  
**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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## Arlington Catechetical Society

All catechists are invited to join the Arlington Catechetical Society, a group dedicated to prayer, formation, and community to build up the catechetical ministry of the local church.

For more information about the Arlington Catechetical Society, please visit

[www.arlingtoncatecheticalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtoncatecheticalsociety.org)

## Parish Catechist Certification Guides

**“No matter what natural facility a person may have in ideas and language, let him always remember that he will never be able to teach Christian doctrine to children or to adults without first giving himself to very careful study and preparation.”**

*Pius X, Acerbo Nimis, 26*

The Special Consultant for Catechetics oversees training programs for catechists and catechist certification. Tel: 703-785-2319, email: [consultantforcatechetics@gmail.com](mailto:consultantforcatechetics@gmail.com)

- Catechists should strive to attain diocesan catechist certification in a timely manner, in order to grow in their faith and better serve in their ministry.
- Directors of Religious Education have a responsibility to make catechist certification training known and available through either online or onsite training opportunities.

**There are four levels of Catechist Certification:**

- 1) [Initial Certification](#)
- 2) [Catechist Certification](#)
- 3) [Specialist Certification](#)
- 4) [Master Catechist Certification](#)

## Initial Certification

Initial Certification is the minimum recommended training for anyone participating in the catechetical ministry of the parish.

### Requirements for Initial Certification:

- A completed Initial Certification Application Form
- A signed Oath of Fidelity
- Compliance with the Office of Child Protection, including VIRTUS training
- Completed training to teach Circle of Grace (Safe Environment Training).
- Completed training in parish emergency procedures (evacuation, lock down, and lock out)
- Received an additional **3 hours of ministry-specific training**, which may be provided by your Director of Religious Education
  - Alternative ministry-specific training opportunities, **which must be verified by your Director of Religious Education**, include:
    - § Catholic Education Center courses, including Ministry Orientation Courses
    - § Catholic International University Courses
    - § Franciscan Catechetical Institute Courses
    - § Institute of Catholic Culture Courses

Note: if the Catechist does not teach Circle of Grace, then 5 hours of ministry-specific training (total) may be utilized.

### Renewal:

**Initial certification is not renewed, unless the applicant changes parishes.**

Catechists are strongly encouraged to work towards catechist certification.

The Ministry Orientation Courses (3 hours each) from the [Catholic Education Center](#) are licensed to Arlington Diocese, allowing DREs to use these materials to provide training to their catechists. These courses, offered in English and Spanish, include:

MOC001: Getting Started as a Catechist  
MOC001ES: Empezando como Catequista

MOC002: The Evangelizing Catechist  
MOC002ES: El Catequista Evangelizador

MOC003: The Role of Apologetics in Catechesis  
MOC003ES: El Papel de la Apologética en la Catequesis

MOC004: Working with Special Students  
MOC004ES: Trabajando con Estudiantes Especiales



## Catechist Certification

Catechist Certification in the Diocese of Arlington is designed to recognize catechists with a systematic foundation in the faith as well as the training necessary to teach the four pillars of the faith in the classroom.

### Requirements for Catechist Certification:

- A completed Catechist Certification Application Form;
- A signed Catechist Oath of Fidelity; and
- 50 hours of **verified course work (transcripts required with a final grade of 80%+)** in the following areas:
  - ü **10 hours of study in Catechetical Ministry Training**
  - ü **10 hours of study of the Creed**
  - ü **10 hours of study of the Sacraments**
  - ü **10 hours of study of the Moral Life**
  - ü **10 hours of study of Prayer and Tradition**

The Diocese has partnered with three local apostolates that offer Catechist Certification courses for Arlington catechists:

**Catholic Education Center  
Catholic International University  
Institute of Catholic Culture**

**Catechist Certification may be attained using coursework from more than one apostolate.**

### Renewal:

- **Catechist Certification must be renewed every three years with an additional 10 hours of study in any area noted above.**
- **Participation in each Diocesan Catechetical Conference fulfills four hours of Ministry Training. Please the conference certificate of participation.**
- **Training received through Diocesan sponsored conferences or the Arlington Catechetical Society may be used for renewal. Please attach the agendas for the meetings.**
- The **Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute** also offers courses which may be used towards renewal of Catechist Certification, so long as the coursework is **verified by a mentor and meets the requirements noted above.**
- Those with an **expired** (previously called Basic) Catechist Certification must demonstrate they have satisfied the Catechist Certification requirements (above) **after 2015.** Otherwise, they may re-apply for Catechist Certification.

## Diocesan-Approved Catechist Certification Courses

**Coursework verified with transcripts/certificates of completion provided by apostolates; a grade of 80%+ is required.**

*Catholic Education Center, LLC*

[www.catholiceducationcenter.com](http://www.catholiceducationcenter.com)

**Enrollment Key: Arlington;** participant copay \$0/course.

### **Courses in English and Spanish.**

- Continuous enrollment, self-paced online catechist formation program; unlimited access.
- Printed materials (downloadable), slides, objective-answer quizzes.
- Emphasis on classroom applications.
- *The Diocese of Arlington also offers these courses on site, with online access.*

### **Certification Courses:**

English	Spanish
CAT101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know (or 10 hours of other ministry courses)	<i>EC101: Educación Católica: Lo que Todo Catequista Debe Saber (o 10 horas de otros cursos de ministerio)</i>
CAT102: What We Believe: The Creed	<i>EC102: El Credo</i>
CAT103: Why We Celebrate: The Sacraments	<i>EC103: Los Sacramentos</i>
CAT104: How We Live: The Moral Life	<i>EC104: La Vida Moral</i>
CAT105: Who We Are: Prayer and Tradition	<i>EC105: La Vida de Oración</i>

### **To Login:**

- Go to [www.catholiceducationcenter.com](http://www.catholiceducationcenter.com).
- Click on the “Online Classroom” button at top (direct link: <https://classroom.catholiceducationcenter.com>).

**1) If you have already taken a course with the Catholic Education Center, please login.**  
If you need assistance, please email [contact@catholiceducationcenter.com](mailto:contact@catholiceducationcenter.com).

**2) If you are new to the Catholic Education Center:**

- a. Click on “Get Started (Login)” button.
  - b. Create a username and password for yourself (write these down for your future reference).
  - c. Complete the profile.
- Click on the course in which you wish to enroll.
  - Scroll down to enter the **Arlington Enrollment Key: Arlington**
  - Your course will be immediately available.

**Note: Enrollment Key may be used in all available Catholic Education Center courses.**

*Catholic International University*

<https://catholicu.edu>

**Access Code:** CDU15ARLINGTON; participant copay: \$47/course. This discount applies to all non-credit courses listed for \$92.

**Many of these courses may be used for renewal of Catechist Certification or applied towards Specialized Catechist Certification.**

**Courses in English and Spanish:**

- Continuous enrollment, entirely online certification program; 62 days/course.
- Self-paced lectures and videos, printable resources, objective-answer quizzes.
- Instructor available to answer questions.

**Certification Courses:**

English	<i>Spanish</i>
RELED N001: Basic Catechetics for Discipleship	<i>RELED SN001 Catequética Básica para el Discipulado</i>
THEO N005: The Profession of Faith	<i>THEO SN005: Profesión de Fe</i>
THEO N006: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery	<i>THEO SN006: La Celebración del Misterio Cristiano</i>
THEO N007: Life in Christ	<i>THEO SN007: La Vida en Cristo</i>
THEO N008: Christian Prayer	<i>THEO SN008: Oración Cristiana</i>

**To Login:**

- Go to: <https://catholicu.pathlms.com/>
- Select “Sign Up” or “Sign In” if you are an existing student (top right of webpage).
- Create a User Profile and enter the access code **CDU15ARLINGTON**.
- Once the access code is associated with your user profile, you will continue to receive the subsidized pricing.
- Select the course for which you wish to enroll.
- Complete the purchase as you would any online sale.
- You will have immediate access to your course.
- For more information contact: [continuingeducation@catholicu.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@catholicu.edu).

*Institute of Catholic Culture*

[www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/arlington](http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/arlington)

**Catechist Certification courses taught by Msgr. Charles Pope and Dr. Jared Staudt, classes in English.**

**Offered free of charge to the Diocese of Arlington; participant copay \$0/course.**

- Entirely online certification program.
- Continuous enrollment, unlimited access, integrated catechetical ministry training.
- Self-paced video lessons, printed materials (downloadable), slides, objective-answer quizzes.
- Over 1000+ hours of free educational videos in their online library.

**Certification Courses:**

Catechism 101: The Profession of Faith

Catechism 102: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

Catechism 103: Life in Christ

Catechism 104: Christian Prayer

Catechism 201: The Art of Catechesis

**To Login:**

- Visit [www.instituteofcatholicculture.org](http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org).
- Click "Explore" at the top of the website.
- Click "Courses" in the top left of your screen.

***Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute***

[www.franciscanathome.com](http://www.franciscanathome.com)

The Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute also offers a large number of courses which may be used for renewal of Catechist Certification, so long as the coursework satisfies the requirements for Catechist Certification and is verified by a diocesan mentor.

The Diocese of Arlington has a partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute; **participant copay \$0/course.**



## Specialist Certification

Specialist Certification recognizes those who are trained to teach an area of specialty. This specialty may be an area of study or a method of instruction.

### Requirements for Specialist Certification:

- A completed Specialist Certification Application Form;
- A signed Catechist Oath of Fidelity; and
- 50 hours of verified course work (Grade: 80+%, transcript required) in **one** of the following areas:
  - **Apologetics**
  - **Biblical Catechesis**
  - **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (certification by the United States Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)
  - **Catechetical Tradition**
  - **Catechumenal Ministry (OCIA)**
  - **Church History**
  - **Classroom Methods and Management**
  - **Evangelization and Discipleship**
  - **Faith Formation and Spirituality**
  - **Morality**
  - **Sacred Scripture**

**Specialist Certification may be attained using coursework from more than one apostolate.**

Coursework from institutions other than those on the Diocesan-Approved list may be submitted to the Special Consultant for Catechesis for consideration on an individual basis.

### Renewal:

- Specialist Catechist Certification must be renewed every three years with an additional 10 hours of verified study in the same area of specialty.
- Those with an **expired** Specialist Certification must demonstrate they have satisfied the Specialist Certification requirements (above) **after 2015**. Otherwise, they may re-apply for Specialist Certification.

## Diocesan-Approved Specialist Catechist Certification Courses

<p><b>Catholic Education Center, LLC:</b>  <a href="http://www.catholiceducationcenter.com">www.catholiceducationcenter.com</a>  <b>Enrollment Key: Arlington; copay \$0</b>          Each course is 10 hours.          All courses offered in English; many offered in Spanish.</p>	<p><b>Catholic Distance University:</b>  <a href="https://catholicu.pathlms.com/">https://catholicu.pathlms.com/</a>  <b>Enrollment Key: CDU15ARLINGTON; subsidized price \$47.</b>          Each course is 10 hours, non-credit All offered in English; many offered in Spanish.</p>
<b><i>Apologetics</i></b>	
	<p>THEO N018 Proclaiming the Reality of God: Compelling Evidence of God’s Existence          THEO N033 Making the Case for Christ          THEO N043 How Are We Saved?          THEO N042 Why do We Need the Church?          THEO N019 Why would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain, and Suffering?          THEO N021: The Art of Evangelization through Apologetics          CHIST N068: Pius XII: In Defense of Truth</p>
<b><i>Biblical Catechesis</i></b>	
<p>BC101: Eden to Egypt: Adam to Joseph          BC102: The Ministry of Moses          BC103: Judges to Jesus: Expecting the Savior          BC104: Jesus’ Public Ministry          BC105: The Early Church in the Bible</p> <p><i>CB101: Catequesis Bíblica: Adán a Isaac</i>  <i>CB102: Catequesis Bíblica: Egipto a la tierra prometida</i>  <i>CB103: Catequesis Bíblica: Jueces a Jesús</i>  <i>CB104: Catequesis Bíblica: El Ministerio de Jesús</i>  <i>CB105: Catequesis Bíblica: La Iglesia Primitiva</i></p>	
<b><i>Catechetical Tradition</i></b>	
<p>AFF101: The Pedagogy of God: Eden to Eden          AFF100: Teaching with the Scriptures: An Introduction to the Bible          CAT202: Teaching the Faith: Apostles to Apologists          CAT203: The Great Catechists          CAT204: Catechetical Documents          CL102: Directory for Catechesis</p>	<p>SCRPT-N004 Introduction to Scripture.  <i>SCRPT-SN004 Introducción a las Escrituras</i>          SCRPT N113: The Way Catholics Use Scripture: Pope Benedict’s <i>Verbum Domini</i></p>
<b><i>Catechumenal Ministry</i></b>	
	<p>Attained by completion of the entire OCIA Tract from Franciscan University of Steubenville Catechetical Institute. (<a href="#">Diocese of Arlington   Franciscan at Home</a>)</p>

<b><i>Church History</i></b>	
CAT230: Pentecost – 800 A.D. CAT231: 801 AD – Reformation CAT232: Counter-Reformation to Present AFF230: The Second Vatican Council AFF231: An Introduction to the Church	CHIST N128: Early American Catholic History 1492 – 1808 CHIST N138: The Rise of American Catholicism 1808 – 1908 CHIST N148: Modern American Catholic History 1908 – Present CHIST N025: The True Story of the Crusades CHIST N073: The Inquisition CHIST N086: Pius XII: In Defense of Truth CHIST N168: Life and Pontificate of St. John Paul II CHIST N161: History of Vatican Council II
<b><i>Classroom Methods and Management</i></b>	
MIN101: Successful Classroom Management CAT210: Methods and Learning Styles CAT214: Reaching Students with Special Learning Needs CAT106: Tools for Teachers MIN102: Time Management for Ministry	RELED N036: Teaching High School Religion RELED N042: Forming Disciples: The Basic Tasks of Catechesis RELED N004: NDC: Vitalizing the Catechetical Ministry RELED N034: Pioneers in American Catholic Education RELED N066: The Catholic School: Identity and Leadership
<b><i>Evangelization and Discipleship</i></b>	
MIN100: Self-Management for Ministry MIN107: Christ the Teacher MIN106: Forming Disciples MIN108: Teaching in Imitation of Christ the Teachers MIN134: The Ministry of Apologetics	THEO N021: The Art of Evangelization through Apologetics RELED N001: Basic Catechetics for Discipleship RELED N034: Pioneers in American Catholic Education THEO N168: JPPII: The Culture of Life RELED N042: Forming Disciples: The Basic Tasks of Catechesis
<b><i>Faith Formation and Spirituality</i></b>	
AFF213: The Domestic Church: Catholic Parenting AFF214: Faith Formation for Young Children AFF215: Leading Children to a Mature Faith CAT200: Faith Formation: Youths and Adults AFF241: Our Vocation: The Virtuous Life	SPIR N057: The Our Father: Gateway to Scripture SPIR N037: Scriptural foundations of the Hail Mary SPIR-N156: Classics in Prayer and the Spiritual Life THEO N048: Catholic Parenting THEO N158: Liturgy of the Hours SPIR N113: St. Augustine’s Confessions and City of God THEO N056: The Mass: History, Theology and Spirituality THEO N068: The Way to Inner Peace and Mercy SPIR N064: Vatican II: Lay Spirituality SPIR-N055: Eucharistic Devotion THEO-N038: Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the Church THEO N143: Introduction to the Eastern Fathers of the Church

<b><i>Catechetical Leader</i></b>	
CL101: The Teaching Church CL102: Directory for Catechesis CL103: OCIA and the Catechumenal Model CL104: Policies and Guidelines CL105: Sacrament Preparation and Celebration <i>LC101: Tradición Catequética</i> <i>LC102: Directorio para la Catequesis</i> <i>LC103: RICA en la Parroquia</i> <i>LC104: Reglas (Políticas) y Directrices</i> <i>LC105: Preparación y Celebración del Sacramento</i>	
<b><i>Sacred Scripture</i></b>	
Courses from the <b>Catholic Biblical School</b> fulfill the Sacred Scripture Specialty. Participants self-pay. For more information, please go to:  <a href="https://catholicbiblicalschoolva.org">https://catholicbiblicalschoolva.org</a>	<b><i>Old Testament:</i></b> SCRPT N022: Introduction to Genesis SCRPT N050: The Psalms: Israel’s Prayer and Ours SCRPT N034: The Historical Books of the Old Testament SCRPT N145: Wisdom Books of the Old Testament SCRPT N148: The Prophets and Morality SCRPT N146: Christ: The Suffering Servant of Isaiah <b><i>New Testament:</i></b> SCRPT N066: The Gospel of St. Matthew SCRPT N067: The Gospel of St. Mark SCRPT N068: The Gospel of St. Luke SCRPT N162: The Gospel of St. John SCRPT N061: The Acts of the Apostles SCRPT N174: The Letters of St. Paul, Part I SCRPT N175: The Letters of St. Paul, Part II SCRPT N177: St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans SCRPT N178: Christ the Priest: The Letter to the Hebrews SCRPT N190: The Apocalypse: Probing the Book of Revelation
<b><i>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</i></b>	
<p><i>The United States Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd certification satisfies Specialist Certification in Arlington Diocese.</i></p> <p>Courses offered at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Christ the Redeemer, Sterling, VA</li> <li>· St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School, Woodbridge, VA             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Siena Academy, Great Falls, VA</li> <li>· The Joyful Child Atrium, Purcellville, VA</li> </ul> </li> <li>· Cultural and Catechetical Montessori Association (CCMA), Nokesville, VA             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· John XXIII Montessori Children’s Center, Front Royal, VA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Note: Some courses may fit into more than one category.



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## Specialist Certification/Renewal Application Form

Office of Faith Formation use only:

Authorized by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Renew by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

DRE/Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of DRE/Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am applying for SPECIALIZED CATECHIST CERTIFICATION (50 hours) in:
- I am renewing SPECIALIZED CATECHIST CERTIFICATION (10 hours) in:
  - Apologetics
  - Biblical Catechesis
  - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
  - Catechetical Leadership
  - Catechetical Tradition
  - Catechumenal Ministry (OCIA)
  - Classroom Methods and Management
  - Church History
  - Evangelization and Discipleship
  - Faith Formation and Spirituality
  - Morality
  - Sacred Scripture
- Yes, I have attached transcripts/certificates for coursework.
- Yes, I have attached a signed Catechist Oath of Fidelity.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

## Master Catechist Certification

The Master Catechist Certification recognizes those trained to be ministry leaders in their parish faith formation program (e.g., DREs, Ministry Coordinators, or OCIA leaders, etc.).

### Applications:

- Applications are accepted by the **Office of Faith Formation**. A registration package will be sent to parishes.
- Applications require the approval/signature of the Pastor.
  - Parishes will subsidize tuition and will be billed by the Office of Faith Formation each semester.
  - Applicants may be employees or volunteers, who are sponsored by their parish and are committed to service in their parish.

### Requirements for Master Catechist Certification:

- A completed Master Catechist Certification Application Form;
- Transcripts verifying course-completion;
- A signed Catechist Oath of Fidelity.

### Renewal:

Master Catechist Certification must be renewed every three years with either:

- an additional 10 hours of verified study in one area of specialty (see Specialized Catechist Certification above), or
- a letter/email from their Pastor or Director of Religious Education verifying active ministry in the parish.

## ENGLISH

**Christendom College Graduate School of Theology** offers the two-year Master Catechist Certification program every other year. **Courses may be taken for academic credit and used towards a Master of Arts in Theology** (see <https://graduate.christendom.edu> for details).

Christendom College Graduate School of Theology

**Classes in English; participant copay \$100/course**

<https://graduate.christendom.edu>

- Classes meet on eight Saturday mornings during the Fall/Spring semesters and run asynchronously online during the Summer semester (do not meet during Summer).
- Classes may be upgraded for academic credit towards a Masters in Arts degree.
- Fall/Spring courses can be taken in any modality or combination of the following modalities: on-campus, live online, or asynchronously (pre-recorded).

***Master Catechist Certification Courses:***

MCP 501: The Profession of Faith

MCP 502: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

MCP 503: Life in Christ

MCP 504: Christian Prayer

MCP 505: Sacred Scripture

***Plus one elective from:***

MCP 506: Fathers of the Church

MCP 507: Apologetics

**MCP 508: Policies, Norms, and Best Practices (this course is required for DREs)**

*Note: Those who have earned a Christendom College Graduate School of Theology Certificate in Systematic Theology or Evangelization and Catechesis prior to 2021 have fulfilled the course requirements for the Master Catechist Certification in the Diocese of Arlington.*

## SPANISH

The **Catholic Education Center** offers a two-year program (Fall and Spring semesters, 40 hours each) that will provide Master Catechist Certification in Spanish.

Catholic Education Center

**Classes in Spanish; participant copay \$150/semester**

[www.catholiceducationcenter.com](http://www.catholiceducationcenter.com)

- Classes meet on eight Saturday mornings during the Fall/Spring semesters (we do not meet during Summer).

Year 1 (2 semesters): Scripture and Teaching Tradition

Year 2 (2 semesters): Doctrine and Ministry



Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept that the parish will be billed \$500/course for this Master Catechist Program participant. There are six courses; full participant tuition is \$3000.

Signature of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_





## Director of Religious Education Advanced Degree Opportunities

In the Diocese of Arlington, the Director of Religious Education must fulfill the requirements found in the Diocesan Policies and Guidelines. The minimum academic requirement for a DRE is Master Catechist Certification. A Master's degree in Religious Education, Catechetics, Theology, or related field is preferred.

### Recommended Programs

Catholic International University: <https://catholicu.edu>

#### *Master of Arts in Theology*

#### *Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry*

Accredited by: Distance Education Accrediting Commission, in addition to being named a Candidate for Accreditation by the Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools.

Christendom College Graduate School of Theology: <https://graduate.christendom.edu>

#### **Beginning January 1, 2020**

Directors of Religious Education who have been employed by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington for **less than three years may apply for a 50% tuition scholarship** for graduate studies at Christendom College Graduate School of Theology.

Directors of Religious Education who have been employed by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington for **three years or more may apply for a 100% tuition scholarship** for graduate studies at Christendom College Graduate School of Theology.

*DREs must register to take the courses for the Advanced Apostolic Catechetical Diploma and may also earn a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (in any specialization). Courses may not be taken for audit. The Diocese will cover course registration and tuition for graduate courses. All additional (actual and associated) costs of the Program (e.g. application fees, technology fees, books, supplies, materials, and transportation, etc.) are the responsibility of the DRE.*

#### ***Apostolic Catechetical Diplomas: Basic and Advanced***

The Christendom Graduate School is authorized by the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy to award both the Basic and the Advanced Apostolic Catechetical Diplomas. **These catechetical diplomas are distinct from the academic Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies, although the two may be earned simultaneously.** The diploma is awarded by authorization of the Holy See in recognition of the catechist's competence in the field of catechesis and his or her personal commitment to teach Catholic doctrine in communion with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

#### ***Master of Arts in Theological Studies***

(Specializations in Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Sacred Scripture, Evangelization and Catechesis, Spirituality, or Consecrated Life)

Accredited by: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

# DRE Scholarship for Christendom College Graduate School

## Application Form

Please complete this application and send with attachments to:

**Special Consultant for Catechetics  
Catholic Diocese of Arlington  
200 North Glebe Rd., Suite 265  
Arlington, VA 22203**

Or send via email with electronic attachments to: [consultantforcatechetics@gmail.com](mailto:consultantforcatechetics@gmail.com)

**Please PRINT clearly.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Years employed in current position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years employed in Diocese of Arlington: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach on separate pages:**

- 1) A resume, outlining your current employment responsibilities.
- 2) A cover letter indicating how your education would assist you in your long-term goals for your ministry. **An interview will be scheduled to discuss these goals.**
- 3) A letter of acceptance from Christendom Graduate School of Theology.



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## **Catechist Oath of Fidelity**

I, N., with firm faith hereby profess:

I believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth  
 of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 And rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 Who, with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
 Who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Therefore, I believe and profess all that the Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God. I promise to teach sincerely and fully, through both my words and actions, this same faith to those entrusted to my care. Amen.

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 Catechist Signature                      Printed Name                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Juramento de Fidelidad del Catequista**

Yo, N., con fe firme por el presente profeso:

Creo en un solo Dios,  
 Padre todopoderoso,  
 Creador del cielo y de la tierra,  
 de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,  
 Hijo único de Dios,  
 nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:  
 Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,  
 Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,  
 engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre,  
 por quien todo fue hecho;  
 que por nosotros, los hombres,  
 y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo,  
 y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen,  
 y se hizo hombre;  
 y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato;  
 padeció y fue sepultado,  
 y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras,  
 y subió al cielo,  
 y está sentado a la derecha del Padre;  
 y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos,  
 y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida,  
 que procede del Padre y del Hijo,  
 que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria,  
 y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.  
 Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados.  
 Espero la resurrección de los muertos  
 y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

Por lo tanto, creo y profeso todo lo que la Iglesia Católica cree, enseña y proclama ser revelado por Dios.  
 Prometo enseñar sincera y plenamente, tanto a través de mis palabras como de mis acciones, esta misma fe a los que me han sido encomendados. Amén.

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 Firma del Párroco / Director/a de Educación Religiosa