

Resources available to obtain credit for Advanced Religious Certification and Renewal in the Diocese of La Crosse

Please contact the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization with any questions regarding certification.

Note: Proof of course attendance will be satisfied through verification of written answers to discussion questions, or in the case of attending a presentation, a one-page paper relative to the synthesis (What was the most important point that you learned?) and application of the course material (How will you apply this to your life? and How will you apply this to your teaching situation?). The written answers and summary are to be included in the Certification folder.

Catechetical Methodology

Forming Intentional Disciples, The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus by Sherry Weddell

Books available for \$10.50 from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.

12 hours of credit

Discussion questions available (Additional hours can be earned by meeting with a group to discuss the answers.)

Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple, Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel by Edward Sri

Books available for \$7 from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.

11 hours of credit by completing discussion questions in the book (Additional hours can be earned by meeting with a group to discuss the answers.)

Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk

7-2 hour sessions including DVD's, Leader's Guide and Participant Journal by Jeff & Emily Cavins
This Program is designed to help you live your faith more freely by developing and nurturing the virtues of love, forgiveness, humility, prayerfulness, faithfulness, sacrifice, and thankfulness – that are essential to the Christian life.

14 hours of credit

Resources available from the Office of C & E; Journals are \$16

Handing on the Faith

This series presents the methodology to hand on the Faith Scripturally, Liturgically, Personally and Beautifully. 13 – 30 minute sessions with discussion questions.

13+ hours of credit Available from the Curriculum Library

The New Evangelization by Father Robert Barron

The documentary and study program focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today and sends us on mission with a message of joy.

6 – 90 minutes sessions including 15-30 minute DVD segments

Reduced cost of DVDs, Leader's Manual and prayers cards is \$88. Available from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.

33 Days to Morning Glory – Preparation for formal entrustment to Mary according to St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Pope John Paul II, and Blessed Mother Teresa. 6 sessions, 90 minutes each with 35 minutes of teaching on DVD by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Up to 11 hours of credit. Facilitators Guide/DVDs available from the Office of C & E for free rental. Book is available from the Office of C and E for \$3. In addition to the book, cost of Participants Packet is \$20, available from Mary Litschauer, 715-539-3800, mlitschauer@gmail.com.

Catechist Saints

Nine Days that Changed the World, DVD on Pope John Paul II visiting Poland under Communism. 2 hours of credit DVD and discussion questions available from Curriculum Library

Understanding the Riches of the Catechism Ten Minutes at a Time

38 weeks of a schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week along with a series of simple exercises devised to discover the catechetical “keys” embedded in the Catechism, to help hand on the Faith. 44 hours of certification credit for full participation Sign up to receive emails

The Mission of the Church

Read *On the Family (Familiaris Consortio)*, Encyclical by Pope John Paul II and answer questions 4 hours of credit Document available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / click English / in Search area type in Encyclical *Familiaris Consortio*

The Mission of the Church

Read *The Church and the Modern World (Gaudium Et Spes)*, Encyclical by Pope John Paul II and answer questions. 5 hours of credit Document available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / click English / in Search area type in Encyclical *Gaudium et Spes*

The Mission of the Church

Read *On Evangelization in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi)*, Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Paul VI and answer questions 4 hours of credit Document available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / click English / in Search area type in Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*

The Mission of the Church

Read *On Human Life (Humanae Vitae)*, Encyclical by Pope Paul VI and answer questions 3 hours of credit Booklet available from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization for \$1.

The Mission of the Church

Read *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, Encyclical by Pope John Paul II and answer questions 4 hours of credit Document available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / click English / in Search area type in Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*

The Mission of the Church

Read *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality*, issued by the Pontifical Council for the Family and answer questions from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.

3 hours of credit Document available from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization for \$4 or Vatican website: www.vatican.va / click English / in Search area type in *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality*

The Mission of the Church: Handing on God's Word

Read Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and answer questions

3 hours of credit Document available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / click English / in Search area type in Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation / first entry.

The Mission of the Church: Catechesis - Part of the Church's Evangelizing Mission

Read *On Catechesis in our Time (Catechesi Tradendae)*, Apostolic Exhortation by Pope John Paul II and answer questions

4 hours of credit Available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / English / in Search area, type in Apostolic Exhortation Catechesi Tradendae / click on first entry

The Mission of the Church: The Content and Method of Handing on the Catholic Faith

Read and answer the questions to the Commentary on the *General Directory for Catechesis* by the Congregation for the Clergy, Rome.

10 hours of credit Booklet available for \$3.50

The Person of the Catechist: Witnessing: Called and Gifted Workshop and Discernment Process

Listen to the Called and Gifted Workshop on CDs (4 hours), complete the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory (30 min), receive an interview (1 hour) and participate in three, small group sessions using the Discerning Charisms Workbook.

8 ½ hours of credit Resources available from Diocese, Inventory available for \$8.

The Person of the Catechist: Witnessing

Read and answer questions to the *Guide for Catechists* by Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, Rome.

4 hours of credit Available on Vatican website: www.vatican.va / English / in Search area, type in *Guide for Catechists* and it will be the first entry.

The Person of the Catechist: Witnessing

Read and answer the questions to *At the Beginning of the New Millennium (Novo Millennio Ineunte)* Apostolic Letter by Pope John Paul II.

4 hours of credit Booklet available for \$4.00

The Catholic Family

Applying Our Faith to our Families – videos by Scott Hahn with discussion questions

9 hours of credit Available from the Curriculum Library

Sacred Scripture

OREMUS (Latin for Let Us Pray) by Father Mark Toups

8 sessions, 1 hour each including 30 minute DVD presentation and discussion.

This is a Catholic prayer study program that will teach you the essentials of a fruitful prayer life.

8 hours of credit: 8 Additional hours of credit given for praying with the Scripture passage each night. Available for free rental from Office of C & E
Participant booklet is necessary. Cost is \$15 each.

A Biblical Walk through the Mass Study Program by Edward Sri

A 5-part study (DVDs) that explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance. Workbook and book available from the Office for C and E for a reduced price. .

DVDs available for free rental or program available for purchase for \$100.

Conversion, Following the Call of Christ (Biblical Stories of People Who Changed) by Father Robert Barron

6 – 90 minute sessions with questions for Understanding and Reflection

Available for free rental from the Office of C & E.

CATHOLICISM Study Program by Father Robert Barron (DVD series)

20-90 minute sessions with discussion questions and resources provided by the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization (Each parish was given the Program by Bishop Callahan)

The book, *Catholicism*, which is needed for each participant, is available for \$3 each.

The sessions may be applied toward Scripture and/or Doctrine.

Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother by Edward Sri

8 –part series that provide a uniquely personal encounter with the Blessed Mother.

Up to 12 hours of credit for participation in the Program including home preparation and group discussion

Free leader resources available for download at BibleStudyForCatholics.com.

Resource available for free rental from the Office for C and E. Workbook

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14 hours of credit

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Old Testament and New Testament

A Biblical Walk through the Mass – study to prepare for the Revised Translations

5 - 90 minute sessions including DVD's, Leader Guide and Participant Booklet by Dr. Edward Sri

Includes the book A Biblical Walk through the Mass

12 hours of credit

Available from the curriculum library

Overview of the Old Testament Theme

T3 Bible Timeline by Mark Hart from Adam to Jesus

DVDs are available

from the Curriculum library. Discussion Questions and resources provided by the Office of C & E.

8 hours of credit.

Booklets available for \$4.

Matthew's Commentary: The Catechist's Gospel

Thy Kingdom Come, The Book of Matthew by Mark Hart

DVDs and discussion questions are available from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

8 hours of credit

New Testament Teachers: John, Peter and Paul

T3 Acts of the Apostles: The Keys and the Sword by Mark Hart

DVDs and discussion questions available from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

4 hours of credit

New Testament Theme

T3 The Book of Revelation: The Lion and the Lamb by Mark Hart

DVDs available from the Curriculum Library

4 hours of credit

Participant booklet is \$8 from Ascension Press

Overview of the Old Testament Theme

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline from Adam to Jesus by Jeff Cavins. Videos are available from the curriculum library and discussion questions/Scripture meditations on the diocesan website.

8 hours of credit

Booklets available for \$4.

Old Testament Theme and New Testament Theme

Sharing Christ's Priesthood, A Bible Study for Catholics by Mike Aquilina

Especially appropriate for the "Year for Priests"

Book with six chapters

6 hours of credit

Books available from Curriculum Library for \$6

Old Testament Theme and New Testament Theme

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline from Adam to the Church

Videos and questions are available from the curriculum library

24 hours of credit

Question booklet is \$10 from the curriculum library

Old Testament Theme

The Footprints of God Series by Stephen Ray Discussion questions provided in booklet

The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine preview of the Program (11 minutes)

Moses: Signs, Sacraments, Salvation with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

David & Solomon: Expanding the Kingdom with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Available from the Curriculum Library for checkout

New Testament Theme Discussion questions provided in booklet

The Footprints of God Series by Stephen Ray

Jesus: the Word became Flesh with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Mary: the Mother of God with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Peter: Keeper of the Keys with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Paul: Contending for the Faith with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Apostolic Fathers with discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Available from the Curriculum Library for checkout

Doctrine (Theology)

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Unlocking the Beauty of the Catechism: Part One

8 sessions of a small group study of the Creed by Christopher Ruff. This includes personal reading of 15 pages of the Catechism before group study. The book includes vocabulary aids, summaries of sections, discussion questions and “growth in discipleship” application.

16 hours of credit for individually reading and group session. Available for \$7.95

Unlocking the Beauty of the Catechism: Part Two

8 sessions of a small group study of the Creed by Christopher Ruff. This includes personal reading of 15 pages of the Catechism before group study. The book includes vocabulary aids, summaries of sections, discussion questions and “growth in discipleship” application.

16 hours of credit for individually reading and group session. Available for \$7.95

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38 hours of certification credit toward Doctrine / 6 hours toward Methodology for full participation

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Home Study Course – Marian Catechist Course 1

Excellent program to study the Faith in a systematic way – receiving the teachings in an orderly fashion that lays a foundational framework for the student.

- 1) 16 lessons in Salvation History, Apostles’ Creed, Commandments, Beatitudes, Sacraments, the Lord’s Prayer. 64 hours of credit for home study, individual work. Additional hours can be applied for attending sessions offered by a facilitator (1 hour for every hour attended). Cost of Course I: \$45 plus s/h Call (608-782-0011 to order the course. Credit from the above course can be applied to Scripture and Theology. Good course for building a solid foundation.
- 2) Commentary on the *General Directory for Catechesis*. Read and answer questions (in writing). 10 hours of credit toward Methodology Cost: \$3.50

Note: Hours in Scripture, Doctrine (Theology) and Methodology are to be completed for Basic and/or Advanced Certification.

Home Study Course – Marian Catechist Course 2

- 1) 36 lessons in What We Believe, Christian Morality, Channels of Grace (Sacraments) and Prayer. 3 hours per session / 108 hours of credit for home study, individual work. Additional hours can be applied for attending sessions offered by a facilitator (1 hour for every hour attended). Cost of Course I: \$65 plus s/h Call (608-782-0011 to order the course. Credit from the above course can be applied to Scripture and Theology. Excellent course for building a solid foundation.

Note: Hours in Methodology need to be completed for Advanced Certification.

Creed Catholicism 101, Essentials for the Journey

10 - one hour sessions (with questions) including: The Word of God: A Father Speaks to His children; Prayer, Let’s Communicate; Actions of the Holy Spirit; Mass, The Center of Our Faith.

10 hours of credit Available from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Creed I Believe, A four-part faith program on the Creed
4 - 35 minute sessions with application to life questions. 2 DVD set
4 hours of credit Available from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Creed Christology
Read “God is Love” - *Deus Caritas Est*, encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI and answer questions
4 hours of credit Booklet (and questions) available for \$4.75

Creed Ecclesiology – (A study of the Church)
The Splendor of the Church and the Bible and the Church - videos by Scott Hahn
with discussion questions.
4 hours of credit Available from the curriculum library

Creed World Religions: Islam
Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics, 100 Questions and Answers by Daniel Ali, a convert to
Catholicism and Robert Spencer. Discussion questions
Book available from Ascension Press (800) 376-0520 or www.AscensionPress.com
8 hours of credit (if includes 4 discussion sessions)

Sacraments The Mass
Mystical Body, Mystical Voice, Encountering Christ in the Words of the Mass
5 - 90 minute sessions including DVD's, Leader Guide and Participant Booklet by Chris Carstens
and Father Douglas Martins
Includes the book Encountering Christ in the Words of the Mass
12 hours of credit Available from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Sacraments The Eucharist
Feast of Faith, The Transforming Power of the Eucharist
4 sessions on DVD with discussion questions by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D
4 hours of credit

Sacraments The Eucharist
Read *On The Eucharist* by Pope John Paul II and answer prepared questions.
4 hours of credit Booklet available for \$6.95

Sacraments The Eucharist
Read *The Sacrament of Charity, Sacramentum Caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI with questions
4 hours of credit Booklet available for \$5.

Sacraments
The Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church – videos by Scott Hahn with discussion questions
8 hours of credit Available from the curriculum library

Sacraments
St. Paul – A Bible Study Guide for Catholics on six of the Sacraments. Discussion questions.
6 sessions – 6 hours of credit. Book available for \$9.00

Life in Christ Embrace Parenthood: Step One of the Teaching the Way of Love Series
Complete the workbook. (Read segments, watch DVD clips and answer discussion questions)

10 hours of credit Workbook w/ DVD available from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Life in Christ Growing in the Way of Love: Step Two of the Teaching the Way of Love Series

Complete the workbook. (Read segments, watch DVD clips and answer discussion questions)

10 hours of credit Workbook w/ DVD available from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Life in Christ Bodies and Boundaries: Step Three of the Teaching the Way of Love Series

Complete the workbook. (Read segments, watch DVD clips and answer discussion questions)

10 hours of credit Workbook w/ DVD available from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Life in Christ Live Presentation of any step of the Teaching the Way of Love series

Attend a live presentations of any of the three steps of the Teaching the Way of Love series; Embrace Parenthood, Growing in the Way of Love, Bodies and Boundaries and complete a 500 word minimum reflection paper on the presentation.

4 hours of credit To see a schedule of the live presentations go to www.twl4parents.com.

Life in Christ The Theological and Cardinal Virtues

Read *The Virtue Driven Life* by Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. and answer discussion questions.

Small group discussion on the chapters and the Diocesan Program *Understanding and Living the Virtues* Up to 10 hours of credit Virtue Program available on Diocesan website

Life in Christ The Theological and Cardinal Virtues

Understanding and Living the Virtues, teaching by Bishop ListECKI with discussion questions.

Up to 2 hours of credit DVD available from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Life in Christ The Theological and Cardinal Virtues

Read *The Virtue Driven Life* by Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. and answer discussion questions.

Up to 7 hours of credit Books available for \$9.50

Life in Christ The Theological Virtue of Hope

On Christian Hope (Spe Salvi) Encyclical Letter by Pope Benedict XVI with discussion questions.

4 hours of credit Document available on Vatican website or USCCB Publishing.org

Life in Christ Christian Sexuality

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body. Discovering The Master Plan for Your Life

8 sessions / 12 hours of credit DVDs available for free rental / wkbk – discussion questions

Life in Christ Christian Sexuality

Read *The Gift, Your Call to Greatness* (An overview of the Theology of the Body) and answer discussion questions.

2 hours of credit

Life in Christ Christian Sexuality

Read Theology of the Body for Beginners and answer questions.

10 hours of credit Book available from the curriculum library for \$10

Life in Christ Conscience Formation

“Our God-given Conscience” Bishop ListECKI teaching on DVD including discussion questions

2 hours of credit

Available from the curriculum library

Life in Christ Moral Development and Christian Sexuality

Taking a Stand, Helping Our Kids Win the Battle for Sexual Purity by Tom Curran and Mary Beth Bonacci. Set of videos or DVD's with discussion questions available from Office of Catechesis
10 hours of credit Available from the curriculum library

Life in Christ Christian Sexuality

Read *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality* by the Pontifical Council for the Family and answer prepared questions.
4 hours of credit Booklet available for \$4.

Prayer The Life of Prayer

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8 sessions, 1 hour each including 30 minute DVD presentation and discussion.
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8 hours of credit: 8 Additional hours of credit given for praying with the Scripture passage each night. Available for free rental from Office of C & E
Participant booklet is necessary. Cost is \$15 each.

Prayer The Life of Prayer

As I Have Loved You The Discipleship Series by Christopher Ruff
Faith-Sharing Resources with a Mission of Love
6 sessions, 90 minutes each. Up to 9 hours of credit. Includes Scripture passages, commentary, real-life anecdotes, illustrations, relevant quotes from the Catechism, excerpts of Papal writings, discussion questions. Booklets available for \$4.50.

Prayer The Life of Prayer

The Greatest of These is Love: Reflections from the Heart of St. Paul
The Discipleship Series by Christopher Ruff
6 sessions, 90 minutes each. Up to 9 hours of credit. Includes Scripture passages, commentary, real-life anecdotes, illustrations, relevant quotes from the Catechism, excerpts of Papal writings, discussion questions. Booklets available for \$4.50.

Prayer The Life of Prayer

Who is My Neighbor? The Discipleship Series by Christopher Ruff
Faith-Sharing Resources with a Mission of Love
6 sessions, 90 minutes each. Up to 9 hours of credit. Includes Scripture passages, commentary, real-life anecdotes, illustrations, relevant quotes from the Catechism, excerpts of Papal writings, discussion questions. Booklets available for \$4.50.

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Up to 11 hours of credit. Facilitators Guide/DVDs available from the Office of C & E for free rental. Participants Packet available for \$23 including the book *33 Days to Morning Glory*.