

Basic Certification Requirements

40 Hours

Methodology - 10 Hours

- History and Explanation of Catechesis 7 hours
- Mission of the Church / Aims of Catechesis
 - Introduction to Catechetical Documents
 - On Catechesis in our Time* – required
 - Revelation and Response of Faith / Faith Development
 - The Catechism of the Catholic Church: Hierarchy of Truths, Harmonies between Faith and Life, Deposit of Faith*
 - Diocesan Religion Curriculum: Foundation of a teaching session
 - So Much to Teach; So Little Time: Teaching the Keys of Catholic Doctrine
 - Lesson Planning / Teaching for Conversion (The Ecclesial Method)
- Person of the Catechist 2 hours
- The Person of the Catechist /Teacher of the Faith: Witnessing
 - The Spiritual Life of the Catechist
 - Harmony between Faith and Life
 - The Mind of a Catholic / Cultivating a Catholic Worldview
- About the Learner 1 hour
- Learning Styles
 - The Human Person / Moral Development

Scripture - 14 Hours

- Divine Revelation
- The Story of the Bible
- Centrality of Scripture in Teaching for Conversion (Methodology ?)
- Introduction to the Old Testament - Bible Timeline
- Introduction to the New Testament - Bible Timeline
- The Gospels

Doctrine (Theology) - 16 Hours

Introduction to Creed	4 hours
God the Father	
Creation, the Original Sin, the Promise of a Redeemer	
Divine Revelation	
God the Son	
Jesus' Public Ministry	
God the Holy Spirit	
The Church: The Kingdom of God on Earth	
The Apostolic Church	
Mary, the Mother of God	
The Saints	
The Dignity of the Human Person	
Introduction to Sacraments	4 hours
Grace / Baptism	
Confirmation	
Holy Eucharist	
Reconciliation	
Holy Orders	
Matrimony	
The Anointing of the Sick	
The Liturgical Life: Living the Paschal Mystery of Christ	
Introduction to Morality: Life in Christ	4 hours
Moral Development	
Sin: The Problem of Sin / Temptation	
God's Law: The Ten Commandments	
The Immeasurable Riches of His Grace (Sin, God's Law and Grace are one presentation)	
Faith	
Conversion	
The Life of Charity / The Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity	
Formation in Chastity	
Introduction to Prayer	4 hours
The Devotional Life / Personal Prayer	(CCC 2650 – 2724)
Praying with Scripture	(CCC 2568-2643)
The Battle of Prayer	(CCC 2725 – 2758)
The Lord's Prayer	(CCC 2759 – 2865)