

RCIA CATECHIST CERTIFICATION AT A GLANCE

in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

BASIC CERTIFICATION

- ❖ Introduction to Catechetical Ministry (Adult, Adolescent or Elementary according to the age of catechumens and/or candidates with whom you are working)
- ❖ Basic Beliefs (approximately five hours as a live course)
- ❖ Introduction to Scripture (approximately five hours as a live course)
- ❖ The Prayer Workshop
- ❖ *Decree on Child Protection* orientation (if working with children)
- ❖ Minimum of one year's service on the parish RCIA team
- ❖ Activity that witnesses to personal growth in faith
- ❖ Session observation
- ❖ Interview with catechetical leader
- ❖ Development of PLAN OF STUDY FOR FURTHER GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT

GENERAL CERTIFICATION AND ADVANCED CERTIFICATION FOR RCIA CATECHISTS

- ❖ Choose three of the following skills for General Certification and an additional three for Advanced Certification. The following skills can be satisfied through RCIA Workshops, RCIA In the Parish or North American Forum Events:
 11. Demonstrate an understanding of the periods of RCIA and the importance and celebration of the major liturgical rites.
 12. Recognize the differences between Catechumens, Candidates and Children in RCIA and make adaptations as needed.
 13. Facilitate a Dismissal Session based on the Sunday scriptures.
 14. Facilitate a Lectionary-Based Catechetical Session based on a sound catechetical process and using the Sunday scriptures and/or an RCIA Rite.
 15. Implement a Service of the Word during the Catechumenate, including the presentations, anointings and minor exorcisms.
 16. Incorporate active listening into discernment throughout the initiation process.
 17. Invite and train parishioners in the responsibility to sponsor catechumens and candidates on the RCIA journey.
 18. Incorporate opportunities for social outreach ministry for catechumens and candidates.
 19. Promote parish reflection and welcome in the mystagogical period by planning regular sessions for neophytes and parishioners.
 20. Design ways to lead the assembly into effective participation in the rites.
- ❖ Choose four of the following LEARNING MODULES for General Certification and complete the remaining four for Advanced Certification:
 1. Hebrew and Christian Scriptures
 2. Christian Morality
 3. Sacraments
 4. Church History
 5. Justice and Peace
 6. Liturgy and Rites
 7. Jesus
 8. Church: Vision, Mission, Ministry
- ❖ Service on the parish RCIA team (minimum of two years for General, three years for Advanced)
- ❖ Activity that witnesses to personal growth in faith
- ❖ Session observation
- ❖ Interview with Catechetical Leader
- ❖ Revision of PLAN OF STUDY FOR FURTHER GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT

RECERTIFICATION

- ❖ Work in 3 areas of skill development
- ❖ Work in 2 theological areas
- ❖ Current service on the parish RCIA team
- ❖ Activity that witnesses to personal growth in faith
- ❖ Session observation
- ❖ Interview with Catechetical Leader
- ❖ Revision of PLAN OF STUDY FOR FURTHER GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT