



Holy Family School of Faith Institute

School of Faith is a program of adult catechesis designed to provide doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers, administrators, spiritual mentors and individuals. Its purpose is to lay the theological foundation upon which an authentic Catholic culture can be developed.

With the intention of fostering an authentically Catholic culture in the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the School of Faith formation consists of four pillars:

1. Intellectual formation in the Catholic ideas or truths by studying the Old and New Testament, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, virtue, moral principles, social doctrine and the theology of the body.
2. Interior formation, concentrating on growth in a deep relationship with Christ through prayer.
3. Community and friendship, as our faith is relational.
4. Apostolate: Apply the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic faith to everything we do in the school, as an application of our baptismal mission to draw others to Christ and His Church.

The curriculum itself is taught through a series of monthly 3-hr sessions in a mini-retreat format. Highly engaging and interactive, SOF helps those who work or volunteer in a Catholic School to grow in their relationship with Christ, with one another as a community, and equips them to express, understand, live and share the Gospel.

Active engagement in the School of Faith fulfills the theological requirement for ten annual credits for catechist certification in Vocare. "Active" engagement means the following:

For Elementary School Certification

1. Attendance at all School of Faith sessions.
2. Monthly reflection papers on the content of School of Faith learnings and its application to catechetical teaching (minimum 200 words). When uploaded into the system, this paper also suffices for attendance verification.
3. Observation by a qualified catechetical leader or their designate of a teacher's religion class and the accompanying post-observation conference (in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of teaching religion).
4. Completion of the Catechetical Institute methodology classes *Methodology-Part 1* and *The Person & Spirituality of the Catechist* (year 1 of teaching), *Those Who Are Catechized* (year 2) and *Catechesis: A Moment in Evangelization* (year 3).

For High School Certification

1. Attendance at all School of Faith sessions.
2. Monthly reflection papers on the content of School of Faith learnings and its application to catechetical teaching (minimum 200 words). When uploaded into the system, this paper also suffices for attendance verification.

***These requirements are
only for teachers of religion
who must be certified.**