



## New Logo for a New Certification Process

Catholic school principals, teachers, volunteer catechists, and parish catechetical leaders will soon be able to deepen their faith through enriching and convenient online classes in the new Catechetical Institute(CI). The CI is the online and in-person learning environment of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Vocare (pronounced voh-cah-rey) is the catechetical certification track of the CI.

“Vocare” means “to call” in Latin. Just as Jesus commissioned his apostles to continue his teaching in its entirety (Matt 28:20), so all Catholic teachers and parish catechists are similarly called. The Church considers as a “primary task the preparation and formation of catechists.” (GDC 33) This formation is the means by which catechists are empowered and equipped to invite the students entrusted to their care “into communion with Jesus Christ.” (CCC 426)

Vocare has an intentional design. It is comprised of seven strands combining to make one interwoven pattern. These symbolize the seven distinct yet interrelated tasks of Catechesis here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Comprised of the six tasks of catechesis as defined in the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC 84-86) and an additional task (Theology of the Body) as promulgated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, they are intended to deepen our relationship with Christ, and are thereby the guiding vision of our Graded Course of Studies. They are:

- a. Knowledge of the faith.
- b. Knowledge of the sacraments and liturgy.
- c. Moral formation.
- d. Praying with Christ.
- e. Living in the community of the Church.
- f. Living as a Christian in society.
- g. Theology of the Body.