

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Catechist Certification Program (CCP)** – The Archdiocese offers formation for all adults seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith. Parish religious educators completing this program are certified as catechists by the Archbishop. For more information, contact Joseph Tancioco at 206-382-4593; [ccp@seattlearch.org](mailto:ccp@seattlearch.org).

**Catechist Coach** – This Archdiocesan webpage has been designed as a platform for sharing elementary faith formation resources and lesson plans among catechists. It features an electronic template and submissions are reviewed by members of the Archdiocesan Faith Formation Commission.

This section of the electronic version of the **Parish Elementary Religious Education Standards** will be routinely updated to include new information that will assist catechists with workshops on implementing the standards, methods for teaching, and also plans for assessing student progress.

**Family Faith Formation** and parent resources will also be featured here.



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# Mission & Goals of the Catechist Certification Program of the Archdiocese of Seattle

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## MISSION

The Mission of the Catechist Certification Program is to provide adults with a comprehensive and systematic presentation of the core elements of the Catholic faith. As it is formation for the Christian life, this catechesis comprises but surpasses mere instruction; its ultimate goal is to lead both catechist and student to an intimate encounter with Christ in the Church.

## GOALS

The Gospel of Christ and the teachings of his Church guide the work of the Catechist Certification Program (CCP) of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The work of CCP is rooted in four general mission goals of the Office of Catholic Faith Formation and organized into four areas of responsibility.

1. To offer through the study of Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Church a sequential and comprehensive program to authentically teach the foundations of our Catholic Faith
2. To invite and enable adults "to acquire an attitude of *conversion to the Lord*." This attitude views the Christian life as a gradual transformation in Christ, in which the Christian takes on the mind of Christ, trusts in the Father's love, accepts the Spirit's guidance in searching out and obeying God's will, and seeks holiness of life within the Church. To foster a baptismal spirituality in which the Christian's faith in Jesus is continuously deepened through participation in the sacraments, the works of charity and justice, and the prayer life of the Church <sup>2</sup>
3. To develop and foster a faculty to teach in this program and to serve as a resource to parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese
4. To Certify either through the CCP program or completion of an advanced degree in Religious Studies at an accredited Catholic University
  - Parish staff and volunteers responsible for faith formation
    - At least one Catechist for each grade level in parish religious education
    - At least one volunteer member of the RCIA Team
  - Catholic School Teachers according to established policies

## The Fruit of this Work

The fruit of this work will be to promote mature adult faith: the faith of the disciple who has been saved by Christ's redemptive love and who is being continually converted to him. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> National Directory for Catechesis chapter 7

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## HOW THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION CHOOSES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WORK

Based on the goals of CCP, the program is organized into the following four key areas of responsibility:

1. Curriculum and Resources
  - Twenty-one 4-hour courses categorized into four strands
    - Theology
    - Scripture
    - Catechetics
    - Church History
  - Learner Targets and Assessment Worksheets developed for each course
  - Primary Resources used
    - Catholic Study Bible
    - Catechism of the Catholic Church 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
    - Religious Education Curriculum
    - General Directory for Catechesis
2. Faculty
  - Certified Catechists
  - Advanced Degree in Catholic Religious Studies from an accredited University
  - Skilled in methodology and presentation
3. Administration
  - Promotion
  - Schedule & Registration
  - Certification Record Keeping and Reporting
  - Payment and Collection
  - Oversight of Budget
4. Assessment
  - A team of skilled educators who read and evaluate each Assessment Worksheet for comprehension and the ability to pass on the faith

## MISSION RELATIONSHIPS

- Archbishop
  - Certifies Catechists
- Pastor/Priest Administrator/Pastoral Coordinator
  - Approves Participants and Catechists
- School Administrator
- Office for Catholic Schools
- OYYAE

## Religion Curriculum Lesson Plan

Lesson Title/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard #: \_\_\_\_\_

Learner Outcome: \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Plan is: (choose one) Introductory: \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: \_\_\_\_\_ Part of a series: \_\_\_\_\_

Liturgical Season: Ordinary Time \_\_\_\_\_ Advent \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ Lent \_\_\_\_\_ Easter time \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Outline Timeline	Scripture Story & Passage(s)	Grade Level Vocabulary /Prayers
Materials, Activities	Sample Formative Assessment(s)	Suggested Summative Assessment of Student Learning Question(s)
		<i>(Please format these as multiple choice questions, if possible)</i>

Evaluation of lesson (what I learned): \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Related Topic Links: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, submit this lesson plan, and understand that I am giving full rights of usage to the Archdiocese of Seattle, I warrant that the materials presented here are my original work and do not infringe the copyright or other legal rights of any person or organization.

Date reviewed and placed on website for classroom use: \_\_\_\_\_

User Feedback: 

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