Four Pillars of the Catechism (FPC) Track

Directed to any person engaged in teaching ministries at any level, this collection of workshops is the starting place in developing a mastery of the teachings of the Church founded by Jesus Christ. This comprehensive track not only offers the key doctrinal essentials in teaching the Catholic faith, but also fosters the ability to pass on those teachings in all their rigor and vigor to other souls. Unlike normal presentations of the four pillars of the Catechism, this track thoroughly and seamlessly integrates catechesis (the teachings) with catechetics (how to pass on those teachings effectively to others). For those taking this track, it will provide a strong systematic understanding of the truth, as well as a sharp ability to analyze and open its goodness and beauty to hearts and minds called to the Father’s love.

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## Introduction to Successfully Passing on the Catholic Faith

1. Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith
2. The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
3. Catechesis: Echoing what God has Revealed
4. Analyzing Doctrine with Doctrinal Keys
5. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
6. Echoing the Mystery: Resource for Unlocking the Deposit of Faith

## Pillar 1: The Profession of Faith

1. The Sacramental Economy
2. The Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts
3. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
4. Introduction to the Old Testament
5. The Blessed Virgin Mary
6. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
7. The Four Last Things

## Pillar 2: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

1. Understanding the Liturgy
2. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
3. The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation
4. Confirmation Preparation
5. The Sacrament of the Eucharist
6. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
7. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
8. The Sacrament of Matrimony
9. The Sacrament of Holy Orders
10. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Redemptive Suffering
11. Sacramentals, Blessings, and Devotions

## Pillar 3: Life in Christ

2. The Human Person
3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan
4. Freedom & Conscience
5. An Introduction to Objective Truth
6. Brilliantly Bad Ideas: The Deadly “isms” that Infect Our Culture
7. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
10. Catholic Social Teaching

## Pillar 4: Christian Prayer

1. The Universal Call to Holiness
2. Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
3. Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina

## Electives: Formation of Adults

1. Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
2. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
3. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Asking Good Questions
4. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Empathic Listening
5. Catechetical Mentorship
6. Mentoring in Ministry
7. Personal Vocation & the Mentoring Relationship
8. Philosophical Foundations of Catechetics
9. Discipling Adults
10. Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine
11. Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis

## Electives: Formation of Children and Teens

1. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
2. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
3. Effective Catechesis in Youth Ministry
4. Fostering Holiness in Children
5. Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry with Teenagers
6. Introducing Liturgy to Children
7. Methods & Practical Skills for Youth Ministry
8. Personal Spirituality & the Call to Holiness
9. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
10. Child Faith and Moral Development: 3-6 Year-Olds
11. Child Faith and Moral Development: 6-9 Year-Olds
12. Child Faith and Moral Development: Teen Years
13. Getting Parents Involved
14. Parent Saints
15. The Catholic Family: Context of Catechesis
16. Introduction to Adolescent Development
17. How Not to be Boring in the Classroom
18. Intercultural Ministry with Youth
19. Serving Persons with Physical Disabilities
20. Sacred Space
21. Counseling & Pastoral Care of Teens
22. Theology of the Body for Youth Ministry
23. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
24. The Best of Contemporary Teaching Strategies
25. Introducing Children to Scriptures
Directed to any person engaged in teaching ministries at any level, this three-part comprehensive program offers spiritual, methodological, philosophical, and doctrinal topics essential to the teaching of the Catholic faith. Believing that the most significant factor in the catechetical endeavor is the individual catechist passing on the witness of a lived faith, this track aims to complement basic diocesan catechist certification. It does this by enriching in-diocese teaching with workshops designed to: 1) Take catechists to the next step of formation in key areas; 2) Address target areas needing strengthening in our current cultural context; and 3) Enable catechists to continue growing their skills and understanding in the years following completion of diocesan certification.

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**ELECTIVES: ADULT CATECHESIS**
1. Adult Faith & Moral Development
2. Hispanic Adult Ministry Strategies I
3. Hispanic Adult Ministry Strategies II
4. Catechetical Skills Builder Intensive I & II
5. Catechesis & Counseling
6. Catechesis & Deliverance/Healing
7. Contemporary Catechetical Issues & Their Philosophical Roots
8. The Catechumenal Model in Other Forms of Catechesis
9. Stages of the Catechumenate
10. The Parish: Home for the Catechumenate
11. The Parish: Home for Parent Formation
12. Rationale for the Catechumenate: Christian Initiation in the 21st Century
13. Relations Among Parish, Diocese, & Holy See
14. Catechetics & Conversion Spirituality
15. Catechetics & History I
16. Catechetics & History II
17. Catechetics & Catholic Identity
18. Forming Souls Through Small Groups
19. Formation Work With Men I
20. Formation Work With Men II
21. Formation Work With Women I
22. Formation Work With Women II
23. Outreach & Evangelization Ministry I
24. Outreach & Evangelization Ministry II
25. Baptist Preparation Ministry
26. Marriage Preparation Ministry
27. Digital Catechesis: Using Tech Tools to Teach Eternal Truths I & II
28. Parish Organizational Health I & II
29. Pastoral Issues in Adult Ministry
30. Creative Adult Formation Approaches

**ELECTIVES: CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS**
1. Child Faith & Moral Development I
2. Child Faith & Moral Development II
3. Teen Faith & Moral Development
4. Use of a Textbook & Other Resources
5. Ecclesial Method I & II
6. Selecting and Planning Liturgical & Prayer Experiences for Children
7. Classroom Management
8. Grading and Assessment
9. Beyond the Classroom
10. Managing the Classroom Like St. John Bosco
11. Lesson Planning for Conversion
12. Shifting to Family-Centered Parishes
13. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
14. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
15. Engaging Youth Culture
16. Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry With Teens
17. Effective Catechesis in a Youth Ministry Setting
18. Counseling & Pastoral Care of Teens
19. Understanding Catechesis With Teens
20. Theology of the Body: Teaching Catholic Sexuality to Teens
21. Mobilizing Teens for Service, Leadership, & Vocation
22. Introducing the Liturgy to Children
23. Introducing the Scriptures to Children
24. Introducing Reconciliation to Children
25. Introducing the Eucharist to Children
26. Observing & Evaluating Teachers
27. Working with Pastors & Principals
28. Pastoral Issues in Children’s Ministry
29. Creative Children’s Ministry Approaches

**ELECTIVES: MINISTRY OF PARENTING**
1. Theology of the Family
2. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
3. Godly Discipline
4. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
5. Evangelical Effectiveness of Parenting
6. Mentoring Other Families
7. Parent Saints
8. Fostering Holiness in Children
9. Barriers to Evangelization Occurring for Parents & by Parents
10. A Family Vocation to Homeschooling
11. Some Means for Parishes to Foster Evangelizing Families
12. Training Parents to Form Their Children in a Catholic Vision of Sexuality
13. Questions for Parishes in Discerning Evangelization Efforts for Families
14. The Sacramentality Principle
15. Spiritual Honesty & Spiritual Joy
16. The Best of Effective Contemporary Teaching Strategies
17. Renewing Faith in Our Families
18. Pilgrimage & Prayer in Family Life
19. Faith in Hispanic Families I
20. Faith in Hispanic Families II
21. Faith in African-American Families
22. Fostering Vocations I
23. Fostering Vocations II
24. Fostering Vocations at Home I
25. Fostering Vocations at Home II
26. Wife & Mother
27. Husband & Father
28. Pastoral Issues in Family Ministry
29. Creative Family Ministry Approaches

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**Foundational Catechist Certification (12 hrs)**
- The Vocation of the Catechist
- Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
- The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
- Essential Link between Liturgy and Catechesis

**SCRIPTURE**
- Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis
- Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

**METHOD**
- Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
- Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
- The Ecclesial Method

**PHILOSOPHY**
- Philosophical Foundations of Catechetics

**SPIRITUAL**
- Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist

**DOCTRINE**
- The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries
- The Blessed Virgin Mary
- The Sacramental Economy
- Praying With Scripture: Lectio Divina
- The Human Person

**Advanced Catechist Certification (10 hrs + 2 electives)**
- Catechism & Other Magisterial Catechetical Documents
- Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith

**SCRIPTURE**
- Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine

**METHOD**
- Analyzing Doctrine With Doctrinal Keys

**PHILOSOPHY**
- The Human Person

**SPIRITUAL**
- Praying With Scripture: Lectio Divina

**DOCTRINE**
- The Sacramental Economy
- The Holy Spirit in Catechesis
- The Sacramentality Principle

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**Advanced Catechist Certification, Part II (10 hrs + 2 electives)**
- Catechism & Other Magisterial Catechetical Documents
- Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith

**SCRIPTURE**
- Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine

**METHOD**
- Analyzing Doctrine With Doctrinal Keys

**PHILOSOPHY**
- The Human Person

**SPIRITUAL**
- Praying With Scripture: Lectio Divina

**DOCTRINE**
- The Sacramental Economy
- The Holy Spirit in Catechesis
- The Sacramentality Principle
Online

Catholic Schools (CS) Track

This series of workshops is aimed at assisting elementary, middle, and high school teachers, administrators, and pastoral staff in their knowledge of and ability to pass on the Catholic faith to students and their families. This track serves the real-world needs of teachers in a three-fold manner by: 1) Addressing practical, pastoral, and methodological issues stemming from modern family and culture contexts; 2) Assessing ways to handle common doubts and questions of young people; and 3) Exploring how a classroom experience can be not only mind-growing, but truly soul-forming, at the heart of the mission of the Church. Workshops will introduce the concept of incarnational dynamism in classroom teaching. This consists in drawing students to the Person of Christ, who is the content of all catechesis, through the use of contemporary and ancient sacred art, music, literature, film, and age-appropriate activities. The aim in this track is to form teachers to effectively witness to the Catholic faith in a manner that will authentically engage students and foster genuine evangelization.

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## Catholic Schools (CS) Track

### Catholic School Teachers (10 hrs + 2 electives)

**MISSION**
- 1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
- 2. The Human Person
- 3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**DOCTRINE**
- 4. An Introduction to Objective Truth
- 5. The *Kerygma*: Key Doctrines
- 6. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
- 7. Essential Link between Liturgy & Catechesis

**METHODS**
- 8. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
- 9. The Deposit of Faith Across the Curriculum
- 10. Preventive System of St. John Bosco

### Catholic School Religion Teachers (6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives)

**MISSION**
- 1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
- 2. The Human Person
- 3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**DOCTRINE**
- 4. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
- 5. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
- 6. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
- 7. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below

**METHODS**
- 8. Evangelizing Classroom
- 10. Liturgy & Catechetical Methodology

### Catholic School Leadership & Pastoral Staff (6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives)

**MISSION**
- 1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
- 2. The Human Person
- 3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**DOCTRINE**
- 4. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
- 5. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
- 6. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below
- 7. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below

**METHODS FOR LEADERSHIP**
- 8. The Educational Leader in a Catholic Setting
- 9. The Deposit of Faith Across the Curriculum
- 10. Adult Faith & Moral Development

**METHODS FOR PASTORAL STAFF**
- 8. Family Systems in a Catholic School
- 9. Facilitating Conversion in a Catholic School
- 10. Child Faith & Moral Development I or Child Faith & Moral Development II or Teen Faith & Moral Development

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Participants should first choose from the options for their category before going on to select from other categories. Individuals taking this track are required to select a designated number of electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost.

### ELECTIVES: ADULT CATECHESIS
- 1. The Existence of God
- 2. The Problem of Evil
- 3. The Trinity
- 4. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
- 5. Christ: His Person & Works
- 6. The Holy Spirit
- 7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
- 8. Revelation: Scripture & Tradition
- 9. Salvation
- 10. The Sacramental Economy
- 11. The Four Last Things
- 12. Sin & Virtue
- 13. Catholic Social Teaching
- 14. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
- 15. Freedom, Grace, & Related Moral Issues

### ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE LEVEL II
- 1. The Sacrament of Baptism
- 2. The Sacrament of Confirmation
- 3. The Sacrament of Eucharist
- 4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- 6. The Sacrament of Matrimony
- 7. Special Topics in Discussing Matrimony
- 8. The Sacrament of Holy Orders
- 9. Saints
- 10. The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11. Christological Heresies
- 12. Ten Commandments & Beattitudes
- 13. Catechesis on Creation
- 14. Faith & Reason
- 15. Introduction to the Old Testament
- 16. Introduction to the New Testament

### ELECTIVES: METHODS FOR TEACHERS
- 1. The Role of Prayer
- 2. Praying With Scripture
- 3. Teaching With the Saints

### ELECTIVES: METHODS FOR RELIGION TEACHERS
- 1. The Vocation of the Catechist
- 2. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
- 3. Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
- 4. Ecclesial Method I & II
- 5. Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis
- 6. Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
- 7. Incorporating Beauty in Catechesis
- 8. Analyzing Doctrine With Doctrinal Keys
- 9. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Mental Disabilities
- 10. Digital Catechesis: Using Tech Tools to Teach Eternal Truths
- 11. Engaging Youth Culture
- 12. Incarnational Ministry
- 13. Use of a Textbook
- 14. Applying the Catechism in the Classroom
- 15. Planning Liturgical & Prayer Experiences for Children
- 16. Mentoring From Saints for Youth
- 17. Managing the Classroom like St. John Bosco
- 18. Grading & Assessment
- 19. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
- 20. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis & Liturgy
- 21. Introducing the Liturgy to Children
- 22. Introducing the Scriptures to Children
- 23. Introducing Reconciliation to Children
- 24. Introducing the Eucharist to Children
- 25. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
- 26. Crucial Questions in a High School Classroom
- 27. Getting the Big Picture on the USCCB Framework

### ELECTIVES: FOR LEADERSHIP
- 1. Observing/Evaluating Teachers
- 2. Parents as Primary Educators
- 3. Discipling Adults
- 4. Vocational Spirituality
- 5. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
- 6. Catechetical Mentorship
- 7. Mentoring Among School Teachers

### ELECTIVES: FOR PASTORAL STAFF
- 1. Working With Pastors & Principals
- 2. Spiritual Accountability
- 3. Empathetic Listening
- 4. Asking Good Questions

### ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR TEACHERS
- 1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
- 2. Theology of the Family
- 3. Faith & Moral Development
- 4. Science & Faith Overview
- 5. Evolution & the Catholic Church
- 6. Math/Logic & the Catholic Faith
- 7. Historical/Social Studies & the Catholic Faith
- 8. Literature Studies & the Catholic Faith
- 10. Fine Arts & the Catholic Faith
- 11. Performing Arts & the Catholic Faith
- 12. Praying With Scripture

### ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR RELIGION TEACHERS
- 1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
- 2. Theology of the Family
- 3. Child Faith & Moral Development I & II
- 4. Teen Faith & Moral Development

### ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR LEADERSHIP
- 1. Catholic Education in the 21st Century
- 2. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
- 3. Ecumenism in the Catholic School
- 4. Praying With Scripture

### ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR PASTORAL STAFF
- 1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
- 2. Depression & Suicide
- 3. Addiction & Alcoholism
- 4. Crisis & Conflict
- 5. Suffering & Death
- 6. Counseling & Pastoral Care With Teens
- 7. Praying With Scripture

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Online Youth Ministry (YM) Track

This track, designed in cooperation with Life Teen, offers an efficient and in-depth two-part series of workshops to provide formation for youth ministers. It includes presentations that are practical, academic, theological, and spiritual, all while stressing that the most important factor in successfully evangelizing and discipling adolescents is the human one: the authentic witness and genuine love of those willing to invest in the spiritual growth of younger souls. This track also helps youth ministers support families, who primarily bear the formative responsibility for children.

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Youth Ministry (YM) Track

**Ye Year One Certification**
(9 hrs + 3 electives)

**FOUNDATIONS**
1. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
2. Personal Spirituality & the Call to Holiness
3. Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization

**CULTURE & CONTEXT OF YOUTH MINISTRY**
4. Mobilizing Teens for Service, Leadership & Vocation
5. Partnering with Families in Youth Ministry
6. Intercultural Ministry with Youth

**CATECHETICAL FORMATION OF ADOLESCENTS**
7. Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry With Teenagers
8. Effective Catechesis in Youth Ministry
9. Methods & Practical Skills for Youth Ministry

**Year Two Certification**
(10 hrs + 2 electives)

**FOUNDATIONS**
1. Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts
2. Theology for Youth Ministry
3. General Introduction to Adolescent Development

**CULTURE & CONTEXT OF YOUTH MINISTRY**
4. Engaging Youth Culture
5. “A Step Beyond”: Ministry Beyond the Parish
6. Counseling & Pastoral Care with Teens
7. The Church, the Body of Christ: Working with the Diocese, the Pastor, the Parish, & Volunteers

**CATECHETICAL FORMATION OF ADOLESCENTS**
8. The Liturgical Nature & Sacramental Life of the Church
10. Theology of the Body: Teaching Catholic Sexuality to Teens

Individuals taking this two-level certification are required to take a total of five electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS**
1. Teen Faith & Moral Development
2. Managing the Classroom Like St. John Bosco
3. Lesson Planning for Conversion
4. Shifting to Family-Centered Parishes
5. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
6. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis, & Liturgy
7. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Developmental Disabilities
8. The Catechumenate: Paradigm for all Catechesis
9. Catechetical Mentorship
10. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
11. Mentoring From Saints for Youth
12. The Most Important Life: Gospel Patterns of Jesus’ Life
14. Vocational Spirituality
15. Attunement & Openness to Others
16. Empathic Listening
17. Asking Good Questions
18. Depression & Suicide
19. Addiction & Alcoholism
20. Crisis & Conflict
21. Suffering & Death

**ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE**
1. The Trinity
2. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
3. Christ: His Person & Works
4. The Holy Spirit in Catechesis
5. The Sacramental Economy
6. The Blessed Virgin Mary
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
8. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
9. The Four Last Things
10. Sin & Virtue
11. Catholic Social Teaching
12. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
13. Scripture & Tradition
14. Freedom, Grace, & Related Moral Issues
15. Catechesis on Creation

**ELECTIVES: MINISTERIAL SPIRITUALITY**
1. Spiritual Friendship & Companionship
2. Spiritual Accountability
3. Self-Awareness & Self-Knowledge
4. Spiritual Guidance & Direction
5. Key Virtues: Hospitality & Kindness
6. Key Virtues: Non-Judgmentalism & Mercy
7. Key Virtues: Gentleness & Patience
8. Personal Development: Greatest Hopes & Fears
9. Personal Development: Spiritual Docility & Openness
10. Personal Development: Your Spoken Testimony
11. Personal Development: Your Written Testimony

**ELECTIVES: FAMILY LIFE FOCUS**
1. Theology of the Family
2. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
3. Godly Discipline
4. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
5. Evangelical Effectiveness of Parenting
6. Mentoring Other Families
7. Parent Saints
8. Fostering Holiness in Children
9. Barriers to Evangelization Occurring for Parents & by Parents
10. A Family Vocation to Homeschooling
11. Some Means for Parishes to Foster Evangelizing Families
12. Training Parents to Form Their Children
13. Questions for Parishes in Discerning Evangelization Efforts for Families
14. The Sacramentality Principle
15. Spiritual Honesty & Spiritual Joy
16. The Best of Effective Contemporary Teaching Strategies
17. Renewing Faith in Our Families
18. Pilgrimage & Prayer in Family Life
19. Faith in Hispanic Families I
20. Faith in Hispanic Families II
21. Faith in African-American Families
22. Fostering Vocations I
23. Fostering Vocations II
24. Fostering Vocations at Home I
25. Fostering Vocations at Home II
26. Wife & Mother
27. Husband & Father
28. Pastoral Issues in Family Ministry
29. Creative Family Ministry Approaches

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Catechumenal Ministry (RCIA) Track

In cooperation with the Association for Catechumenal Ministry (ACM), this wide-ranging three-part track provides preparation for all those involved in assisting the conversion process of newcomers to the Catholic faith. It does this by focusing on the liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral elements essential to the evangelization and formation of those investigating and approaching our Church.

While presenting a systematic doctrinal foundation taken directly from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this track also includes a deep exploration of Scripture’s role in the conversion process, the centrality of the liturgical rites, the nature of teaching for conversion, the indispensable work of an RCIA team, the role of sponsors and godparents, the power of a balanced clergy-laity collaboration, and the importance of each of the stages of the catechumenal process. Workshops on evangelization, canon law, and the catechumenate for children and adolescents are also offered.

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Catechumenal Ministry (RCIA) Track

Foundational RCIA Certification (10 hrs + 2 doctrine electives)

The Vision for Christian Initiation
1. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice
2. Three Approaches to the RCIA Process
3. Entrance into Christ & Participation in God’s Life

Liturgical Aspect of Christian Initiation
4. Essential Link between Liturgy & Catechesis
5. Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process: Gateways & Sources of Grace for Conversion

Catechetical Aspect of Christian Initiation
6. Catechesis: Echoing what God has Revealed
8. Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis

Pastoral Aspect of Christian Initiation
9. The Challenge of Charity: Life in God’s Family
10. Pastoral Components of the Christian Initiation Process: From Initial Motivation to Firm Conviction to a Catholic Worldview

Advanced RCIA Certification – Part I
(9 hrs + 2 doctrine electives + 1 other elective)

The Vision for Christian Initiation
1. Revelation, Grace, & the Response of Faith: God’s Methodology

Liturgical Aspect of Christian Initiation
2. Liturgical Catechesis
3. Wielding the RCIA Rites Book Effectively

Catechetical Aspect of Christian Initiation
4. The Ecclesial Method
5. Analyzing Doctrine
6. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture Pastoral

Pastoral Aspect of Christian Initiation
7. The Catechist: Witness to the Truth
8. Developing a Team: Creating an Environment for Conversion
9. Companions on the Journey: Sponsors & Godparents

Advanced RCIA Certification – Part II
(9 hrs + 2 doctrine electives + 1 other elective)

The Vision for Christian Initiation
1. The Essential Roles of the Bishop & Clergy in the RCIA Process

Liturgical Aspect of Christian Initiation
2. The Discernment Process for Participants’ Readiness for the Rites

Catechetical Aspect of Christian Initiation
3. Catechesis in the Precatechumenate: Delivering the Gospel
4. Catechesis in the Catechumenate: Faith, Hope, & Love
5. Catechesis in Purgation & Enlivenment: Preparing to Receive the Life of God
6. Catechesis in Mystagogy: Deepening in the Graces Received

Pastoral Aspect of Christian Initiation
7. Pastoring From the Initial Inquiry to the Rite of Acceptance
8. Pastoring From the Rite of Acceptance to the Rite of Election
9. Pastoring From the Rite of Election to the Point of Initiation through the Neophyte Year

Individuals taking this three-level certification are required to take a total of eight electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE
1. The Trinity
2. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
3. Christ: His Person & Works
4. The Holy Spirit in Catechesis
5. The Sacramental Economy
6. The Blessed Virgin Mary
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
8. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
9. The Four Last Things
10. Sin & Virtue
11. Catholic Social Teaching
12. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
13. Scripture & Tradition
14. Freedom, Grace & Related Moral Issues
15. Catechesis on Creation
16. Initiation in Situations of Emergency
17. Initiation Adaptations for Hispanic Communities in the United States

ELECTIVES: CATECHETICAL ASPECT
1. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
2. Christ: Center of the Catechumenate
3. The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
4. Adult Faith & Moral Development
5. Discipling Adults
6. Apologetics Special Topics I
7. Apologetics Special Topics II
8. Apologetics Special Topics III
9. How to Teach to Cultural Realities
10. How to Use the Hierarchy of Truths
11. Making RCIA Gatherings Work Better
12. Discerning & Training of RCIA Catechists
13. Developing Annual Calendars & Catechetical Topics
14. Going Deeper With the Ecclesial Method
15. Philosophical Foundations of Catechetics
16. Digital Catechesis Using Tech Tools to Teach Eternal Truths
17. Developing a Social Media Outreach
18. Catechesis & Inculturation for Diverse Communities
19. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Developmental Disabilities
20. Catechetical Mentorship

ELECTIVES: LITURGICAL ASPECT
1. Incorporating the Minor Rites & Liturgical Prayer Experiences
2. Going Deeper: RCIA Lenten Rites
3. Going Deeper: Breaking Open the Word / Reflection on the Word
4. The Great Day: Holy Saturday
5. Unfolding Aspects of Catholic Prayer & Piety in the RCIA Process
6. Canon Law: Validity of Baptism
7. Canon Law: Annulments & Dissolutions
8. Canon Law: Denominational Considerations
9. Canon Law: Communion & Special Situations
10. Canon Law: Confirmation, Eastern Rites, & the Orthodox Churches
11. Child Faith & Moral Development
12. Resources for a Child’s Catechumenate
13. Celebrating Liturgical Rites With Children
14. Informing & Forming Parents
5. Sponsors & Godparents for Children
6. Pastoral Issues in Children’s Ministry
7. Fostering Holiness in Children
8. Barriers to Evangelization Occurring for Parents & by Parents
9. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality

ELECTIVES: PASTORAL ASPECT
1. Signs & Stages of Conversion
2. Going Deeper: Team Formation
3. Going Deeper: Sponsor Formation
4. Developing an Evangelizing & Welcoming Parish
5. The Catechumenate for Rural Parishes
6. Handling Difficult Needs of Neophytes
7. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
8. Annulments: Pastoral Suggestions for Those “In Waiting”
9. Forming Souls Through Small Groups
10. Formation Work With Men
11. Formation Work With Women
12. Catechesis & Counseling
13. Catechesis & Deliverance/Healing
14. Catechesis & LGBT Issues
15. Catechesis & Child Protection Issues
16. Pastoral Issues in Adult Ministry

ELECTIVES: RCIA
1. Child Faith & Moral Development
2. Resources for a Child’s Catechumenate
3. Celebrating Liturgical Rites With Children
4. Informing & Forming Parents
5. Sponsors & Godparents for Children
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Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) Track

This all-encompassing three-part series of workshops addresses the spiritual, catechetical, relational, and philosophical topics essential to leadership in parish catechetical programs. Whether a catechetical leader is tasked with ministry to adults, teens, children, or all three, the workshops in this track cover vital administrative skills, including recruitment and training of catechists, planning and evaluation of curriculum and programs, and managing pastoral and parental relationships. Additionally, this track addresses areas such as evangelization and its link to catechesis, catechetical program organization and assessment, working with people with diverse cultural backgrounds, serving those with special needs, and fostering the vocational discernment and spiritual formation of others.

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### Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) Track

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Ministry of Parenting (MP) Track

The Catechetical Institute views parenting as the critical catechetical role in the Church. Our desire is to help families in our challenging modern culture see God’s plan for the domestic church and the school of holiness it creates as the decisive element in bringing about a culture of life. The workshops in this track are not intended to result in any certification but instead aim at a far more fundamental end: forming adults who know how to live a missionary life in marriage and judge nothing in life as great as the work of parenting toward sainthood and striving for spousal sanctity. To foster this, a great variety of pragmatic and imaginative workshops are offered by the Catechetical Institute as electives in every track and collected together in this track.

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Parents or others taking this track are encouraged to focus initially on the core workshops listed above but may take as many workshops as they wish at no additional cost from the lists below as well. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.
Pastoral Accompaniment (PA) Track

The primary audience of this three-part series of workshops is those working in any ministry setting — clergy or laity — whose interactions with others require mentoring skills, evangelical hospitality, ongoing pastoral interactions in the course of catechetical work, small group facilitation, parenting, nurturing, and intercessory prayer outreach. Anyone who has some degree of work in the care of souls can benefit significantly from these workshops.

This track is divided into three areas of emphasis in pastoral accompaniment: 1) Mentoring; 2) Spiritual Guidance; and 3) Counseling. Workshops in each of these areas are not designed for professional counselors, spiritual directors, or similar niche roles, but instead for those in more general catechetical or ministerial roles. This track’s diverse content is also applicable to every parent, every priest, and every parishioner who understands the demanding call upon all baptized believers to love generously and serve sacrificially.

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Pastoral Accompaniment (PA) Track

**Mentoring Focus**

**FOUNDATIONS**
1. Catechetical Mentorship
2. Mentoring in Ministry
3. Discipling Adults

**MENTORING SPECIFIC GROUPS**
4. Mentoring Within a Family
5. Mentoring Within a Parish
6. Mentoring Among Priests
7. Mentoring Among School Teachers
8. Mentoring Among Catechetical Leaders

**looking to the saints**
9. Mentoring From Saints for Men
10. Mentoring From Saints for Women
11. Mentoring From Saints for Youth

**Looking Forward**
12. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Mentoring Skills?

**Spirituality Focus**

**FOUNDATIONS**
1. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
2. The Most Important Life: Gospel Patterns of Jesus’ Life

**RELATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
4. Vocational Spirituality
5. Spiritual Friendship & Companionship
6. Spiritual Accountability
7. Self-Awareness & Self-Knowledge

**MINISTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**
8. Intercession Ministry
9. Spiritual Guidance & Direction
10. Deliverance Ministry

**Masterworks**
11. Spiritual Masterworks I

**looking forward**
12. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Spiritual Accompaniment?

**Electives: Mentoring Focus**
1. St. John Bosco & St. Philip Neri as Mentors
2. St. Francis de Sales & St. Catherine of Siena as Mentors
3. St. Teresa of Ávila & St. Thérèse of Lisieux as Mentors
4. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
5. Evangelical Effectiveness of Parenting
6. Mentoring Other Families
7. Parent Saints
8. Fostering Holiness in Children
9. Godly Discipline
10. Homiletics Mentorship I
11. Homiletics Mentorship II
12. Liturgical Mentorship I
13. Liturgical Mentorship II

**Electives: Spirituality Focus**
1. Adult Faith & Moral Development
2. Using Perceivers (M-Core, Myers Briggs, temperaments, spiritual inventories, charisms, etc.)
3. Spiritual Masterworks II
4. Spiritual Masterworks III
5. Spiritual Masterworks IV
6. Personal Development: Greatest Hopes & Fears
7. Personal Development: Spiritual Docility & Openness
8. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
9. Conversion: Culture Barriers & Cultural Helps
10. Conversion: The Role of Suffering & Crisis
11. Spiritual Dimensions of Health Care
12. Formation Work With Women
13. Formation Work With Teenage Girls
14. Formation Work With Men
15. Formation Work With Teenage Boys

**Electives: Counseling Focus**
1. Helping Engaged Couples
2. Helping New Parents
3. Helping Married Couples
4. Counseling Scenarios II
5. Counseling Scenarios III
6. Counseling Scenarios IV
7. Depression & Suicide
8. Addiction & Alcoholism
9. Small Group Facilitation
10. The Discernment Process for Participants’ Readiness for the Rites
11. Marriage Preparation Ministry
12. Discipling Adults
13. Pastoral Components of the Christian Initiation Process: From Initial Motivation to Firm Conviction to a Catholic Worldview
14. Pastoral Issues in Adult Ministry
15. Pastoral Issues in Children’s Ministry
16. Pastoral Issues in Family Ministry

Individuals taking this track may take these workshops in any order, as desired, although we recommend that the first workshop in each of the three focus areas above be taken prior to others. This track is intended as a skills-building supplement to any ministry area. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

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Familia y Fe Hispana
(Hispanic Faith & Family Track)

Este programa está dirigido a cualquier persona que hable español que esté enseñando la fe a cualquier nivel. En este programa de dos partes se ofrecen temas espirituales, metodológicos y doctrinales esenciales para compartir la fe católica. Esta concentración ministerial considera la creciente necesidad de ministerios en la cultura hispana en los Estados Unidos y en Canadá, así como en América Latina. En vez de simplemente adaptar contenidos originalmente en inglés, los participantes también tendrán la oportunidad de tomar talleres desarrollados originalmente en español por líderes diocesanos hispanos. Esta concentración ministerial se dirige a las necesidades de los ministros laicos, sacerdotes, padres de familia, líderes de escuelas, voluntarios en parroquias, entre otros.

La descripción en inglés: Directed to any Spanish-speaker involved with teaching the faith at any level, this two-part program offers spiritual, methodological, and doctrinal topics essential for sharing the Catholic faith. This track addresses the growing need for ministry in Hispanic culture in the United States and Canada, as well as in Latin America. Rather than only adapting content from an English-language version, learners will also have the opportunity to take workshops developed in Spanish by Hispanic diocesan officials. This track speaks to the needs of lay ecclesial ministers, pastors, parents, school leadership, parish volunteers, and more.

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Familia y Fe Hispana
(Hispanic Faith & Family Track)

Year One Certification
(10 hrs + 2 electives)

Formación fundamental
1. El llamado universal a la santidad
2. La vocación del catequista
3. La evangelización y el kerigma
4. La Santísima Trinidad
5. Cristo: su persona y sus obras
6. El depósito de la fe: una introducción al Catecismo
7. Las Escrituras: el corazón de la catequesis
8. La Iglesia: dispensadora de los misterios y guardian del depósito de la fe
9. La Madre de Dios en la devoción hispana
10. El método eclesial

Year Two Certification
(10 hrs + 2 electives)

Profundizando en la formación
1. La pedagogía de la revelación y la respuesta de fe
2. Introducción al Antiguo Testamento
3. Introducción al Nuevo Testamento
4. La vocación de oración en la familia
5. Formando a adultos en la fe
6. El modelo catecumenal: el modelo para toda la catequesis
7. El ministerio a los jóvenes
8. Sacramentales y devociones populares: un encuentro con Cristo
9. Quinceañera: bendición y celebración

ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS
1. The Vocation of the Catechist
2. Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis
3. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
4. Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
5. Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith
6. Liturgy & Catechetical Methodology
7. Applying the Catechumenal Model to Children Within a Hispanic Setting
8. The Gifts of the Spirit: God’s Gifts of Love to the Church
9. Understanding Proper Christian Devotion vs. Superstition
10. Ignatian Prayer & Discernment
11. Hispanic Adult Ministry Strategies: Going Deeper
12. Formation Work With Hispanic Men
13. Formation Work With Hispanic Women
14. Formation Work With Hispanic Teens
15. Faith in Hispanic Families
17. Historical Development of the Catholic Faith in New World Cultures
18. History: Roots of a Culture of Death

ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE
1. The Existence of God
2. The Problem of Evil
3. The Trinity
4. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
5. Christ: His Person & Works
6. The Holy Spirit
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
8. Revelation: Scripture & Tradition
9. Salvation
10. The Sacramental Economy
11. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
12. Catechesis on Creation
13. The Four Last Things
14. Sin & Virtue
15. The Blessed Virgin Mary
16. Catholic Social Teaching
17. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
18. Freedom & Conscience

ELECTIVES: PARENTING
1. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
2. Fostering Vocations at Home
3. Ways to Evangelize the Family Through Scripture
4. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
5. Godly Discipline in Family Life
6. How & Why to Talk to Your Kids About Sex
7. Counterfeit Forms of Femininity
8. Counterfeit Forms of Masculinity
9. Helping Engaged Couples
10. Helping New Parents
11. Crisis & Conflict
12. Depression & Suicide
13. Addiction & Alcoholism
14. Ecumenism, Interreligious Dialogue, & the Family
15. Fostering Holiness in Children
16. A Family Vocation to Homeschooling

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**Online**

First Proclamation & Evangelization (FPE) Track

This track is intended for any individual, clergy or lay, active in ministry or not, who desires to develop the ability to proclaim the Gospel to others. Workshops in this three-part series address the critical content of the basic Gospel message, effective ways to unfold its saving content, the nature of conversion and faith development, the natural and necessary connection between evangelization and a deeper exploration of the faith, best practices in the field in a wide range of circumstances, skills development, the place of apologetics, avenues to evangelize families and specific age groups, and the need to be well-formed in the pastoral and spiritual aspects of outreach.

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First Proclamation & Evangelization (FPE) Track

### Foundations of Evangelization

**THE GOOD NEWS: BELONGING TO GOD’S FAMILY**
1. The Father: Origin & Desire of All
2. Christ: His Person & Works
3. Holy Spirit, Converger of Hearts
4. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan
5. Pedagogy of Revelation & Response of Faith

**THE GOOD NEWS: MASTERING THE KERYGMA**
1. The Sacramental Economy
2. The Universal Call to Holiness
3. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
4. The Kerygma: Catholic Distinctives
5. The Vocation of the Catechist

### Effectively Discipling Others

**SEEING THE PERSON GENEROUSLY**
1. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
2. The Challenge of Charity: Life in the Family of God
3. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Empathic Listening
4. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Asking Good Questions
5. Personal Vocation & the Mentoring Relationship

**SEEKING THE PERSON EFFECTIVELY**
1. Conversion in Modern Culture
2. Giving Counsel & Pastoral Care
3. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
4. Spiritual Accountability

### Reaching Certain Age Levels

**REACHING FAMILIES**
1. The Family as the Context of Catechesis
2. Family: Domestic Church & School of Holiness
3. Shifting to Family-Centered Formation

**REACHING ADULTS**
1. Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
2. Discipling Adults
3. Vocational Spirituality

**REACHING TEENAGERS**
1. General Introduction to Adolescent Development
2. Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry with Teenagers
3. Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization
4. Intercultural Ministry with Youth

**REACHING CHILDREN**
1. Fostering Holiness in Children
2. The Evangelizing Classroom
3. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
4. Faith & Moral Development: Ages 3-6
5. Faith & Moral Development: Ages 6-12

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I never look at the masses as my responsibility; I look at the individual.
I can only love one person at a time, just one, one, one.
So you begin.
I began – I picked up one person.
Maybe if I didn't pick up that one person, I wouldn't have picked up forty-two thousand...
The same thing goes for you, the same thing in your family, the same thing in your church, your community.
Just begin – one, one, one.
~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone of evangelization: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn. . . In the long run, is there any other way of handing on the Gospel than by transmitting to another person one’s personal experience of faith? It must not happen that the pressing need to proclaim the Good News to the multitudes should cause us to forget this form of proclamation whereby an individual’s personal conscience is reached and touched by an entirely unique word that he receives from someone else.

~ Pope Paul VI (On Evangelization in the Modern World, 24, 46)

He longs for you. He thirsts for you. . . My children, once you have experienced the thirst, the love of Jesus for you, you will never need, you will never thirst for these things which can only lead you away from Jesus. . . It is very important for us to know that Jesus is thirsting for our love, for the love of the whole world. . . Ask yourself, have I heard Jesus directly say this word to me personally? Did I ever hear that word personally? “I thirst.” “I want your love.” . . . If not, examine yourself: why could I not hear?

~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta
The vision of St. John Paul II in inaugurating World Youth Day, developed into a decades-long challenge to the Church to call each generation of youth and young adults to the heights of sainthood. This apostolate to the future is at the heart of renewal. This track offers a three-part set of workshops targeted to the unique world of the young adult, ages 18-35. Any effort to evangelize and make disciples of young adults must start with a carefully-formed Catholic worldview and a genuine missionary mindset. Workshops explore the essential elements for developing and growing in faith as a young adult, and effective guidance for those in ministry to this age group. Particular attention is given to sustained long-term growth in the spiritual life, not just short-term gains.

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Young Adults (YA) Track

**Trusting God as a Young Adult**
(12 hrs)

1. The Trinity
2. The Father, Origin & Desire of All Souls
3. The Most Important Life: Gospel Patterns of Jesus’ Life
4. The Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts
5. Introduction to the Old Testament
6. Introduction to the New Testament

**Knowing God**

**Know Myself**
1. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
2. The Catholic Vision: Christifidelis laici
3. Personal Development: Greatest Hopes & Fears
4. Personal Development: Spiritual Docility & Openness
5. Personal Spirituality & the Call to Holiness
6. The Catholic Vision: Theology of the Body

**Seeking My Vocation**
1. The Universal Call to Holiness
2. Vocational Spirituality
3. Joy Amidst a Media-Saturated Life
4. Vocational Spirituality
5. Discipling Adults
6. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
7. Conversion: Evangelizing Catechesis
8. Conversion: The Role of Suffering & Crisis
9. Conversion: Cultural Barriers & Cultural Helps
11. Discipleship: The Key to Multiplication
12. Masculine Spiritual Models

**Special Focus: Your Faith**

1. The Existence of God
2. The Problem of Evil
3. Revelation: Scripture & Tradition
4. Christ: His Person & Works
5. Catechesis on Creation
6. The Four Last Things
7. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
8. Sin & Virtue
9. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
10. Freedom, Grace, & Related Moral Issues
11. Faith & Reason
13. Catholic Social Teaching
14. The Sacrament of Baptism
15. The Sacrament of Confirmation
16. The Sacrament of Eucharist
17. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
18. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Redemptive Suffering
19. The Sacrament of Matrimony
20. The Sacrament of Holy Orders

**Special Focus: Family**

1. The Catholic Vision: The Community of the Family
2. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
3. Wife & Mother
4. Husband & Father
5. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
6. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
7. Fostering Holiness in Children
8. Godly Discipline

**Special Focus: Serving & Leading**

1. The Kerygma: Catholic Distinctives
2. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
3. Personal Development: Your Spoken Testimony
4. Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
5. Discipling Adults
6. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
7. Conversion: Evangelizing Catechesis
8. Conversion: The Role of Suffering & Crisis
9. Conversion: Cultural Barriers & Cultural Helps
11. Engaging with Culture: Principles
12. Engaging with Culture: Difficult Topics
13. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
14. Catechetical Mentorship
15. Mentoring in Ministry
16. Spiritual Friendship & Companionship
17. Signs & Stages of Conversion
18. Personal Vocation & the Mentoring Relationship
20. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Empathic Listening

**Special Focus: Professional Growth**

1. Introduction to Organizational Health: A Critical Component of Success
2. How to Avoid Bad Meetings: A Strategy for Healthy Leadership Teams
3. Effective Communications, Internal & External
4. Balancing Life & Ministry as a Professional: Finding & Implementing a System that Works For You
5. Generational Traits of Leaders that Impact Relationships & Ministerial Understanding
6. Using Perceivers (M-Core, Myers Briggs, temperaments, spiritual inventories, charisms, etc.): Self-Awareness & Self-Knowledge

**Campus Ministry Certificate**
(12 hrs + 2 electives)

**Foundations**
1. Developing a Missionary Mindset
2. Principles of Ministry Growth
3. Prayer: The Foundation of Mission
4. Missionary Benchmarks
5. Self-Care for Campus Ministry

**Culture & Context**
1. Reaching Every Person: Introduction to LSO (Large Groups, Small Groups, One-on-One)
2. Leadership Development for LSO
3. Developing an Effective Retreat Culture
4. Ministry on a Catholic Campus vs. a Secular Campus

**Formation of Young Adults**
10. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
11. Discipleship: The Key to Multiplication
12. Effective Delivery of the Basic Gospel

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Diocesan Officials (DO) Track

The purpose of the track is to assist the Church in building up diocesan officials in excellence. Our workshops, taught by veterans in the field, encourage faithful innovation, and an understanding of how to work collaboratively, seek success, avoid burnout, and not make huge mistakes in this uniquely challenging form of ministry. This track offers an array of pragmatic workshops, speaking not only to newer diocesan officials, but also to more senior leaders, and even to bishops, chancellors, and vicar generals. In the many dioceses working with Franciscan University, demand for this assistance is expanding, as diocesan budgets tighten and indicators of Church strength in many categories create increasing challenges and urgency in unfolding the new evangelization effectively. This track also supports the existing and growing gathering of diocesan officials at the annual St. John Bosco Conference, providing encouragement and intentional opportunities for networking and sharing of strategies.

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Diocesan Officials (DO) Track

**Year One Certification (9 hrs + 3 electives)**

**SPIRITUAL & HUMAN FORMATION**
1. Christ Before Me: The Christocentric Nature of Diocesan Administration
2. Having an Ecclesial Vision: Weaving Catholic Sensibility & Evangelization into Every Aspect of Service
3. Administration as Ministry & How to Balance the Relationship between Administration & Your Calling to Teach & Form Others

**CORE RELATIONSHIPS**
4. Working for a Bishop in Support of His Priests
5. Working with Priests & Providing Strategic Assistance for Parish Ministry
6. Relational Administration & Accompaniment in Diocesan Ministry: Building Relationships with Diocesan, School & Parish Officials

**PASTORAL PLANNING**
7. Discerning & Developing a Vision for an Evangelizing & Catechetical Diocesan Ministry
9. Planning & Execution: Determining Needs, Setting Goals, Implementing Solutions & Evaluating Results

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR DIOSCEAN OFFICIALS**
1. The Marian Precedes the Petrine: The Role of the Bishop as Catechetical Leader
2. Building Blocks, Tools & Resources that Diocesan Officials Need to Provide to Parishes & Schools
3. Advice from Veterans: Lessons Learned
4. Hiring, Employee Evaluation, Employee Discipline, Delegation, Firing
5. Inter-Cultural Competence: Reaching Out to Various Ethnicities & Cultural Experiences
6. Canon Law for Diocesan Officials
7. Non-Profit Organization & Management for Diocesan Leaders
8. Funding, Development & Resource Collaboration
9. Sacramental Preparation Norms to Assist Parishes
10. Adult Formation Norms to Assist Parishes
11. Collaborating with Homeschooling Families & Issues of Sacramental Preparation
12. Discerning the Choice of Diocesan-Level Lay Ministry: How is it Different from Parish & School Ministry?
13. Colleagues or Competitors: Catholic Schools & Religious Education Offices in Chanceries
14. Key Leadership Resources & Consultative Aids
15. Self-Awareness & Self-Knowledge: Using Perceivers (Myers Briggs, MCore, temperaments, spiritual inventories, charisms, etc.)

**ELECTIVES: LEAD WORKSHOPS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRY TRACKS**
1. The Vocation of the Catechist
2. The Mission of Catholic Schools
3. & the Role of Teachers
4. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice
5. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
6. Personality & Profile of the Successful PCL
7. Introduction to Hispanic Ministry
8. The Universal Call to Holiness
9. The Chief Characteristics of Mentorship
10. The Most Important Life: Gospel Patterns of Jesus’ Life
11. Basic Counseling Techniques
12. Foundational Relationships: The Father & the Son
13. Developing a Missionary Mindset

**Year Two Certification (9 hrs + 3 electives)**

**SPIRITUAL & HUMAN FORMATION**
1. Balancing Life & Ministry as a Professional: Finding & Implementing a System that Works For You
2. Generational Traits of Leaders that Impact Relationships & Ministerial Understanding

**RELATIONSHIP & RESOLUTION: TEAM FORMATION**
4. Personnel is Policy: Recruitment, Onboarding & Supervision of Staff
5. Conflict Management & Problem-Solving within a Diocesan Setting
6. Missionary Discipleship: Rethinking Catechetical Certification

**ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH**
7. Introduction to Organizational Health: A Critical Component of Success
8. How to Avoid Bad Meetings: A Strategy for Healthy Leadership Teams
9. Effective Communications, Internal & External

Individuals taking this two-level certification are required to take a total of six electives from the lists below, but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

**ELECTIVES: KEY WORKSHOPS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRY AREAS**
1. The Catholic Family: Context of Catechesis – Parts I & II
2. The Educational Leader in a Catholic Setting
3. Facilitating Conversion in a Catholic School
4. Forming Souls through Small Groups
5. Shifting to Family-Centered Parishes
6. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
7. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
8. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan
9. The Sacramental Economy
10. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
11. The Kerygma: Catholic Distinctives
12. Engaging Youth Culture
14. Developing Religious Education Policies & Procedures
15. Legal Issues for PCLs: Ecclesial & Civil
16. The Parish as Workplace: Essential Realities & Relationships
17. The Catholic Vision: Christifideles Laici
18. The Catholic Vision: The Community of the Family
19. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
20. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
21. Spiritual Accountability
22. Discipling Adults
23. Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
24. Getting Parents Involved as Primary Educators
25. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
26. The Catechumenate: Paradigm for All Catechesis
27. Catechetics & Counseling
28. Empathic Listening
29. Asking Good Questions
30. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
31. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
32. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Mentoring Skills?
33. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Spiritual Accompaniment?
34. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Counseling Approaches?
35. Baptism Preparation Ministry
36. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
37. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis, & Liturgy
38. Marriage Preparation Ministry
39. Catechesis for Persons with Physical or Developmental Disabilities
40. Observing & Measuring Discipleship in Children
41. Child Faith & Moral Development – Parts I-III
42. Adolescent Faith & Moral Development
43. The Best of Effective Contemporary Teaching Strategies
44. The Elephant in the Classroom: Psychosocial Issues Affecting Learning
45. Training Parents to Form their Children in a Catholic Vision of Sexuality

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Culture of Life (CL) Track

The purpose of this three-part series of workshops is to help those working in diocesan pro-life or family life offices, as well as parish coordinators, health care workers, and employees or volunteers serving pro-life apostolates (i.e. crisis pregnancy centers, legal advocacy groups, and post-abortion healing ministries).

The demanding skill set needed for effective pro-life ministry draws from fields as diverse as health care, politics, formal theology, bioethics, counseling, sociology, catechetics, law, life sciences, and policy history. This track address all these and more, delving into related aspects of fostering a culture of life: the nature of human liberty in Catholic social teaching, the feminine genius, the masculine genius, evolution, environmental stewardship, service to the poor, outreach to those addicted, depressed, or those discarded by society, and the critical importance of prayer and spiritual combat to oppose the pervasive culture of death.

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## Culture of Life (CL) Track

### Foundational Culture of Life Certification
(12 hrs)

**KNOWING THE TRUTH**
1. Introduction to Pro-Life Studies
2. The Reality of a Culture of Death
3. A Vision for Life: Catholic Teaching
4. The Spiritual Armory of Pro-Life Work

**UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE**
5. Science: The Biology of the Gift of Life
6. History: Roots of a Culture of Death
7. Policy: Abortion Politics
8. Strategy: Parish Pro-Life Work

**EVANGELIZING WITH HOPE AND JOY**
9. Catechetics: Persuasion & Clarity
10. Outreach: Pro-Life Work Worldwide
11. Communication: Digital Age Realities
12. Leadership: Entrepreneurs for Life

### Advanced Culture of Life Certification – Part I (10 hrs + 2 electives)

**KNOWING THE TRUTH**
1. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
2. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE**
3. Science: Beginning of Life
4. History: Key Documents on Life Issues
5. Policy: Initiatives Opposed to Life
6. Strategy: Diocesan Pro-Life Work

**EVANGELIZING WITH HOPE AND JOY**
7. Catechetics: God’s Plan & God’s Way
8. Outreach: Abortion Counseling I
9. Communication: Staying Personal
10. Leadership: Analysis of Failures

### Advanced Culture of Life Certification – Part II (10 hrs + 2 electives)

**KNOWING THE TRUTH**
1. Bioethics & Semantics
2. Ethical Bioethics

**UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE**
3. Science: End of Life
4. History: Relevant Social Movements
5. Policy: Local & State Successes
6. Strategy: Other Forms of Effective Action

**EVANGELIZING WITH HOPE AND JOY**
7. Catechetics: Parish Formation
8. Outreach: Abortion Counseling II
9. Communication: Clergy / Laity Unity
10. Leadership: Rethinking Approaches

Individuals taking this three-level certification are required to take a total of four electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

#### ELECTIVES: BIOETHICS
1. Artificial Conception
2. Contraceptive Methods I
3. Contraceptive Methods II
4. Abortion I
5. Abortion II
6. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
7. Euthanasia
8. Stem-Cell Research
9. Cloning & Chimeras
10. Eugenics
11. Vaccinations & Related Mandated Public Health Issues
12. Ordinary & Extraordinary Care & Life Extension

#### ELECTIVES: PRO-LIFE WORK
1. Pro-Life Work: St. Mary’s Patronage
2. Pro-Life Work: St. Joseph’s Patronage
3. Roots of a Culture of Death II-VI
4. Teaching Pro-Life I
5. Teaching Pro-Life II
6. Giving an Anti-Abortion Witness
7. NFP Methodologies
8. Marriage in the Pro-Life Outreach
9. Theology of the Family
10. The Catholic Faith & Family Size
11. Adoption Ministries
12. Pro-Life Work With Disabled People
13. Crisis Pregnancy Centers
14. Maternity Ministries
15. Birth & Midwifery
16. End-of-Life Mercies
17. Relevant Pro-Life Legal Cases
18. Human Trafficking
19. Pro-Life Work in Other Cultures I
20. Pro-Life Work in Other Cultures II
21. Population Control
22. Post-Abortion Syndrome
23. Depression
24. Miscarriage
25. Relational Abuse
26. Homosexuality
27. Transgender Issues
28. Theology of the Body I
29. Theology of the Body II
30. Theology of the Body: Teaching Catholic Sexuality to Teens
31. Abortion Law
32. Abortion in Minority Communities
33. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Developmental Disabilities
34. Catechesis & Inculturation for Diverse Communities
35. Preferential Option for the Poor
36. Poverty & Human Rights
37. Liberty & the Common Good
38. Liberty & Government
39. Liberty & Conscience
40. Liberty & Education

#### ELECTIVES: SCIENCE & FAITH
1. Science & Faith Overview
2. Evolution & the Catholic Church
3. Cosmology & Humanity
4. Sentience & Humanity
5. The Environment & Humanity

#### ELECTIVES: HEALTH CARE
1. Spiritual Dimensions of Health Care
2. Patient Rights in Health Care
3. Maternal Care
4. Geriatric & Palliative Care
5. Substance Abuser Care

#### ELECTIVES: FEMININE GENIUS
1. St. John Paul II: Mulieris Dignitatem
2. The Universal Vocation to Mother
3. Feminine Spiritual Models
4. Counterfeit Forms of Femininity
5. Formation Work With Women
6. Formation Work With Teenage Girls

#### ELECTIVES: MASCULINE GENIUS
1. St. John Paul II: Redemptoris Custos
2. The Universal Vocation to Father
3. Masculine Spiritual Models
4. Counterfeit Forms of Masculinity
5. Formation Work With Men
6. Formation Work With Teenage Boys

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Priestly Renewal (PR) Track

In reaching out to assist diocesan bishops and religious superiors, Franciscan University aims to provide a high-quality series of workshops for seminarians and priests desiring superlative, efficient, and pragmatic formation for their leadership roles in the new evangelization. We have developed means to help seminarians and priests explore authentically Catholic approaches to outreach, inculturation, and communicating the *kerygma* effectively with strong follow-up. The workshops available through this track provide seminarians and priests with deeper formation for missionary outreach and increase their ability to attune parish life to be truly outward-oriented centers of evangelization and discipleship. Undergirding this formation is the basic assumption that every man in Holy Orders is worth deep investment to foster excellence in that vocation, and that God’s grace and His Spirit can bring much from our poverty and weakness.

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Priestly Renewal (PR) Track

**Seminarians’ Workshops**

**LITURGICAL ASPECTS**
1. Liturgy in Parish Life
2. Saints: Models for Liturgical Renewal

**CATECHETICAL ASPECTS**
3. First Proclamation Skills
4. Catechizing in a Priestly Way
5. Homiletics By Example

**PASTORAL ASPECTS**
6. Sacrifice & Suffering in Priestly Life
7. Mentoring & Guiding in Priestly Life
8. Attending & Healing in Priestly Life

**Pastors’ Workshops – Part I**

**LITURGICAL ASPECTS**
1. Becoming the Chief Liturgist I
2. Liturgical Mentorship I

**CATECHETICAL ASPECTS**
3. Becoming the Parish’s Chief Catechist I
4. Homiletics Mentorship I

**PASTORAL ASPECTS**
5. Becoming Another Christ to Others I
6. Organizational Health: Leading & Managing
7. Living Close to the Sheep
8. Building a Hedge of Protection

Priests or seminarians taking this track are encouraged to focus initially on the core workshops listed above but may take as many workshops as they wish at no additional cost from the lists below as well. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL CLERICAL TOPICS**
1. The History of Catechesis I
2. The History of Catechesis II
3. The Content of the Christian Message I
4. The Content of the Christian Message II
5. The Methodology of Christian Catechetics I
6. The Methodology of Christian Catechetics II
7. Priestly Tasks in Parish Catechesis
8. The Context of a Catechetical Priestly Culture
9. Effective Sacramental Ministry in the RCIA Process
10. Mentoring & Vocational Ministry
11. Seeking to Heal Brokenness in Your Flock
12. Catechesis at the Service of Better Homiletics
13. Parish Organizational Health & the Art of Relationships
14. Canon Law: Validity of Baptism
15. Canon Law: Annulments & Dissolutions
16. Canon Law: Denominational Considerations
17. Canon Law: Confinement & Special Situations
18. Canon Law: Confirmation, Eastern Rites, & the Orthodox Churches
19. Developing an Evangelizing & Welcoming Parish
20. Mentoring Within a Parish
21. Mentoring Among Priests

**ELECTIVES: PARISH LIFE FOCUS**
1. Adult Faith & Moral Development
2. Discipling Adults
3. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
4. Baptism Preparation Ministry
5. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
6. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis, & Liturgy
7. Marriage Preparation Ministry
8. Catechesis for Persons with Physical or Developmental Disabilities
9. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
10. The Kerygma: Catholic Distinctives
11. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
12. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice
13. Three Approaches to the RCIA Process
15. Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process: Gateways & Sources of Grace for Conversion
16. Pastoral Components of the Christian Initiation Process: From Initial Motivation to Firm Conviction to a Catholic Worldview
17. The Discernment Process for Participants’ Readiness for the Rites
18. The Catechumenate for Rural Parishes
19. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Mentoring Skills?
20. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Spiritual Accompaniment?
21. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Counseling Approaches?

**ELECTIVES: FAMILY LIFE FOCUS**
1. Counseling Toward Vocation
2. Attunement & Openness to Others
3. Empathic Listening
4. Asking Good Questions
5. Engaging Youth Culture
6. Helping Children
7. Helping Adolescents
8. Helping Adults
9. Helping Engaged Couples
10. Helping New Parents
11. Helping Married Couples
12. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
13. Fostering Holiness in Children
14. Some Means for Parishes to Foster Evangelizing Families
15. Questions for Parishes in Discerning Evangelization Efforts for Families
16. Fostering Vocations I & II
17. Getting Parents Involved as Primary Educators

**ELECTIVES: CATECHETICAL HELPS**
1. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
2. The Ecclesial Method
3. Catechism & Other Magisterial Catechetical Documents
4. Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith
5. Analyzing Doctrine With Doctrinal Keys
6. Contemporary Catechetical Issues & Their Philosophical Roots
7. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
8. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
9. Planning for Success: Program Organization & Assessment
10. Religious Education Material Evaluation & Selection
11. Personality & Profile of the Successful PCL
12. Evangelizing Catechesis: The 21st Century Mandate

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