



Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute

www.FranciscanAtHome.com

A new and rapidly growing collection of excellent Catholic ministry workshops that offers unrivaled formation to those engaged in forming others...

Generously Affordable

We are committed to flexibility and will work with your diocese's needs to recognize and fully accommodate cluster parish situations, missionary circumstances, and geographical challenges.

Completely Accessible

Teachers, leaders, ministry team members have unlimited access to our unique online workshops in the comfort of their own homes or in groups.

Deeply Diverse

Our workshops are delivered by seasoned presenters — over 50 men and women — from different walks of life, countries, and ministry areas. Their rich and unique perspective enables you to train and spiritually nurture all involved in passing on the faith.

Highly Flexible

Dioceses, parishes, and schools can use this vast collection of formation workshops in many ways:

- ✓ As part of a ministry certification process
- ✓ As ongoing formation or continuing education
- ✓ As enrichment for any role of passing on the faith to others, especially volunteers
- ✓ As a substantive and engaging means to help parents grow in their vocation
- ✓ As in-depth content for group discussions

By the numbers . . .

Over 100 dioceses are partnered with us, growing by **2** new ones per month.

The Institute is just **5** years old and already ministry leaders from **35** nations have reached out to us for help,

including **50%** of U.S. dioceses,

over **3,800** parishes and schools,

and over **25,000** people in

ministry learning from our

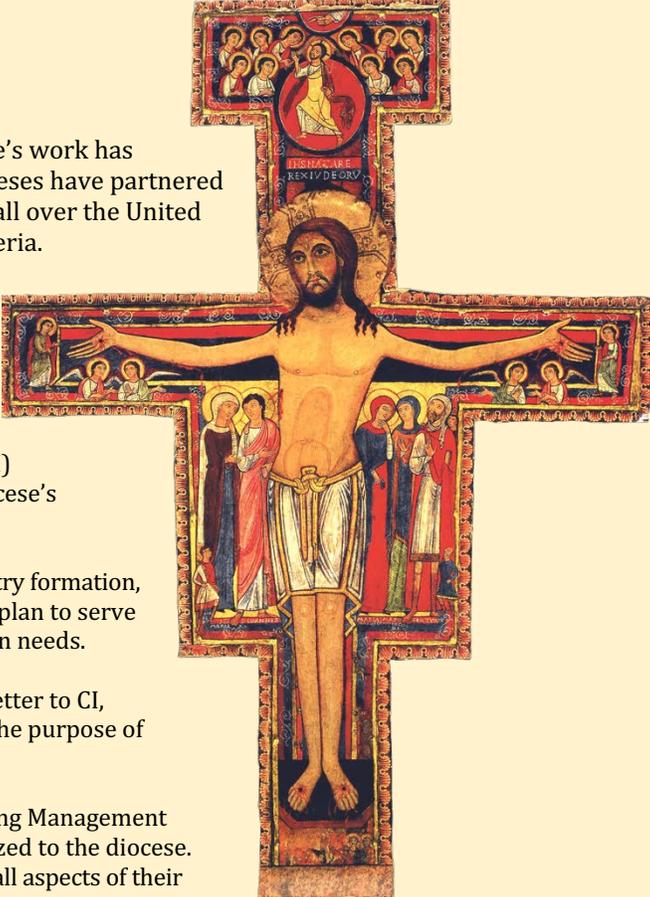
workshops and being mentored

by **2,000+** mentors.

How to move forward . . .

Franciscan University is thrilled that our Catechetical Institute's work has exploded in the interest generated worldwide. Over 100 dioceses have partnered with us in just the last four years since we opened our doors, all over the United States and in places as diverse as Ukraine, Singapore, and Nigeria.

**We welcome your diocese to consider partnering.
Here are the steps to do so...**

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- STEP 1** ➤ One or more officials from your diocese connects with our leadership, with interest in Catechetical Institute (CI) offerings. CI seeks to gain an understanding of your diocese's challenges and objectives.
 - STEP 2** ➤ CI proposes ways to serve your diocese's vision for ministry formation, and your diocese works with CI leadership to develop a plan to serve your discipleship, certification and/or ongoing formation needs.
 - STEP 3** ➤ Upon acceptance of the plan, your bishop then sends a letter to CI, expressing his desire to partner his diocese with CI for the purpose of ministry formation.
 - STEP 4** ➤ CI creates a landing page for your diocese on our Learning Management System (LMS) at www.FranciscanAtHome.com, customized to the diocese. Diocesan officials are trained to use the LMS to manage all aspects of their formation work with those using the system.
 - STEP 5** ➤ A CI Formation Day is scheduled, where the diocese's only financial obligation is travel, housing, and food for the CI presenter(s). Normally done in the form of a larger-scale in-service, the day focuses on the importance of person-to-person discipleship, and creates strong enthusiasm for the formation and mentoring design of the workshops.
 - STEP 6** ➤ Parishes and schools are onboarded to our formation platform. Funding normally comes from the individual parishes and schools, or the diocesan budget, or by a grant, or any combination. It is preferred that all parishes and schools come on at one time; CI provides financial incentives for dioceses that elect to do this.
 - STEP 7** ➤ Once the parish/school subscriptions are received by CI, all catechetical leaders, catechists, teachers, parents, and others in those institutions will have free access to a large and growing array of formation workshops on our system. You can also create custom tracks to address different formation needs for those you serve.
 - STEP 8** ➤ CI supports diocesan officials to ensure long-term success of this formation, including onboarding and on-going assistance to learners and mentors.

The Franciscan Difference . . .

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- ✓ We form all those charged with forming others in the faith.
 - ✓ We offer maximum flexibility to accommodate each bishop's priorities.
 - ✓ We work to complement, not replace local catechetical efforts.
 - ✓ We facilitate relationships between learners and nearby mentors, keeping the heart of faith formation personal and local.
 - ✓ We robustly support family-focused formation.

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Online learning at your convenience

What people are saying...



Franciscan University has been on the vanguard of forming generations of priests, religious and lay faithful in service to the Church and world. It has provided passionate and robust intellectual formation for the People of God for many decades now. Franciscan University has, and continues to be, a gift to the Church. Thus, I wish to affirm my support of the Catechetical Institute and assure those who are interested in taking advantages of this online resource that I fully endorse this catechetical effort.

– Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Diocese of Phoenix, AZ



This was my first time entering an online course/workshop and it surpassed my expectations. I expected it to be a lot more demanding and over the top too difficult for me to understand but it wasn't so. Thank you for making it accessible to me.

– Virginia R., Holy Spirit Parish, Diocese of Oakland, CA



I love taking online courses because I can do it at my own pace, in a quiet room and at my convenient time. Also, for us parents that work, go to school and have children, workshops online is what I can handle at this time. Thank you!

– Hilda B., Saint Isidore Parish, Diocese of Sacramento, CA



I am not only working through the workshops I am loving the workshops! I have learned so much and been so inspired by what I have learned so far. I'm looking forward to the elective courses that are possible. Thank you for finding this program and making it possible at such a small charge for the parishes. I am most grateful.

– Gwen C., Sacred Heart Parish, Diocese of Venice, FL



I came home and started a workshop that I couldn't fault! Part of my job is to pick out the problems in software (bugs, bad user experience, etc.) and I can be very critical! But there was nothing I could honestly fault. It is a brilliant online learning environment. The one thing I did believe I would disagree with is "a personal encounter" with the mentors and presenters. I have never seen that implemented successfully in my seven years in software. However, I feel it has been done very successfully here. I've gotten to know you more through your sharing of experiences, struggles and your testimony. You shared in an honest, humble and trusting way in the workshops.

– Julianne C., Youth 2000 Leader, Ireland

The Spanish tracks will be extremely valuable; the fact that CI's website scales beautifully to mobile devices is important, and there is value in the flexibility of the Catechetical Institute to allow dioceses to create both commonly agreed-upon and unique/specialized sets of tracks; the fact that the system is portable for the catechist is fantastic.

– Jayne M., Diocese of Honolulu, HI

Actually, the overall experience EXCEEDED my expectations. I can't wait for the next workshop!

– Susan J., St. Joseph Parish, Diocese of Venice, FL

Our growth to serve you...

We currently offer over **200** ministry formation workshops, adding new ones every month, in both Spanish and English. Over **100** dioceses have partnered with us in the last five years since we opened our doors. Over **25,000** people in ministry in **35** countries currently use our tracks and workshops.

Tracks available now...

1. Catechist Track
2. Four Pillars of the Catechism Track
3. Eucharistic Renewal Track
4. Youth Ministry Track
5. Young Adults Track
6. RCIA Track
7. Parish Catechetical Leader Track
8. Catholic Schools Track
9. Hispanic Faith & Family Track
10. Ministry of Parenting Track
11. Pastoral Accompaniment Track
12. Proclamation & Evangelization Track
13. Ongoing Diaconal Formation Track

Tracks in development...

1. Marriage Renewal Track
2. Special Needs Track
3. Culture of Life Track
4. Diocesan Officials Track
5. Priestly Renewal Track
6. Music Ministry Track

**How
Can
We
Serve
You?**



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