

# Basic Level Skills Workshops

## Catechetical Leaders

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Completion of these 8 Skills Workshops (24 hours), in addition to the 40 hours of Basic Level Theology and 20 hours of Basic Level Skills, is required for Basic Level Certification as a Catechetical Leader.

### **CL-1 Catholic Identity (3 hours)**

This workshop focuses on the Catholic faith tradition and belief, its essential elements and how to catechize in a way that is faithful to the “heart” of Catholicism.

### **CL-2 The Meaning of Catechesis (3 hours)**

This workshop focuses on the vision and purpose of catechesis in the Catholic Church as understood through Church documents from Rome and the U.S. Bishops. It will support catechetical leaders in their efforts to fulfill their responsibility for offering the best possible programs and catechesis.

### **CL-3 The Aims of Catechesis (3 hours)**

Catechesis has six aims: promoting knowledge of the faith, liturgical education, moral formation, teaching to pray, education for community life, and missionary education. This workshop explores how we plan catechetical programs to accomplish these aims.

### **CL-4 Recruiting, Training and Supporting Others for the Ministry of Catechesis (3 hrs)**

Topics that are covered in this workshop include: finding good catechists and assistants; what to look for and where to look; the role of parents; assessing readiness for this ministry; setting clear expectations; offering training; giving continual support; affirming others in catechetical ministry.

### **CL-5 Formation for Christian Service (3 hours)**

This workshop introduces catechetical leaders to the process of formation and skills training that leads to certification for catechists. In giving catechists a firm foundation in theology and catechetical skills, we empower and inspire them to share their growing faith.

### **CL-6 Planning the Catechetical Year (3 hours)**

This workshop focuses on the principles of planning, the process of short and long range planning, and ways of including and encouraging others (such as pastor, parish staff and catechists) to also plan.

### **CL-7 Appreciating the Richness of Culture and Its Significance in Catechesis (3 hours)**

The focal point of this workshop is perceiving how culture is a part of religious expression and experience. It aims to help us grow in understanding cultures other than our own and appreciating their enriching impact on the Faith Community.

**CL-8 Catechetical Leader: Joining in the Ministry of Jesus (3 hours)**

This workshop will address these important questions: How do we stay grounded in what is essential to our call in service to the Faith Community? How do we balance the many things that need to be done, challenges to be met, and our relationship with God and the Faith Community?

**CL-9 Overview of the National Directory for Catechesis**

This workshop introduces Catechetical Leaders to the content of this latest essential document from the USCCB which gives vision and practical guidance in all areas of catechetical ministry.

**CL-10 Facilitating Echoes of Faith Sessions**

This workshop introduces Catechetical leaders to the NCCL Echoes of Faith formation process, and teaches them to facilitate the formation sessions in an interesting, creative, and skillful way.

These workshops will be presented by qualified persons who have completed the Archdiocesan Orientation and Training for Workshop Presenters.