

# Basic Level Skills Workshops

## Catechists

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20 Hours of Skills Workshops are required in addition to the 40 hours of Theology/Spirituality Courses for Basic Level Certification.  
(G workshops are General, for all ministers; C workshops are for Catechists)

**1-G Using Scripture in Ministry (2 hours)**

This workshop acquaints participants with ways of using Scripture for faith-sharing in a variety of settings that can be applied to their specific area of ministry.

**2-G Leading Prayer in Ministry (2 hours)**

This workshop teaches a variety of skills and methods for leading groups in prayer in various pastoral settings and situations.

**3-G Integrating the Liturgical Year into Ministry (2 hours)**

This workshop offers ideas for integrating the seasons of the church year into areas of ministry, using the appropriate signs and symbols of our faith.

**4-G Community Building and Motivating Others in Ministry (2 hours)**

This workshop helps ministers in their role as leaders in the wider community and as enablers of others in ministry.

**5-G Preparing and Planning in Ministry (2 hours)**

This workshop provides motivation for taking time to prepare for any ministerial event, and offers concrete techniques for long and short range planning.

**6-C Storytelling in Catechesis (2 hours)**

This workshop offers the catechist an experience of four different story-telling styles that will help any catechetical session come to life.

**7-C Using Audio and Visual Aids in Catechesis (2 hours)**

This workshop provides practical hands-on guidance in the use of a variety of audio-visual aids to enrich catechetical sessions.

**8-C The Initiation Process: Its Place in Catechesis (2 hours)**

This workshop introduces the proper use of the Rite of Christian Initiation for various ages of people who are not catechized, as well as appropriate materials for use with different age groups.

**9-C Family-Centered Catechesis (2 hours)**

In this workshop, catechists explore effective and creative ways to involve the entire family in the process of faith development in the parish.

**10-C Cultural Adaptations in Catechesis (2 hours)**

This workshop encourages reverence for the differences unique to various groups and individuals, and provides skills for effectively adapting catechesis for those differences.

**11-C Classroom Management and Environment (2)**

This workshop suggests practical techniques for preparing the meeting space and materials, and for managing time in the catechetical session.

**12-C Creativity and Catechesis**

This workshop provides practical techniques for preparing the catechetical meeting space, and provides creative ideas and materials to enliven the catechetical session.

**13-C Preparing First Communion Liturgies with Children**

This workshop assists catechists in planning well for the liturgical celebrations of First Communion, and in preparing both children and parents for full, conscious and active participation in this special sacramental event.

**14-C Catechesis and Vocation: Called to Holiness**

Vocation is at the heart of Catholicism. This workshop will help parents and catechists understand how to assist children and youth in listening for God's call in their lives.

**15-C A Catechist's Introduction to *The National Directory for Catechesis***

This workshop will give catechists an overview of the contents of this new document, with practical applications to the singular role and tasks of the catechist in the life of the Church.

**16-C The Place of the Eucharist in Catechesis**

In this workshop, catechists examine the many ways that the centrality of the Eucharist can be integrated into catechetical sessions for every age group.

**17-C Preparing Liturgies with Children (2 hours) (also designated as 7-W)**

This workshop uses the *Directory for Masses with Children* to assist those working with children to plan liturgical celebrations correctly and creatively.

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