

Basic Level Skills Workshops

Catechists for Persons with Disabilities

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; CD workshops are for Catechists of Persons with Disabilities)

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-CD Catechesis With Children With Disabilities

This workshop offers catechists of children practical and respectful ways of integrating children with disabilities into the catechetical session, so that the gifts of all are recognized and developed.

7-CD Skills for Praying with Persons Living with Disabilities (2 hours)

This workshop gives practical strategies for preparing and leading different forms of prayer services for those with special needs.

8-CD Using Drama with Bible Stories (2 hours)

This workshop teaches how to create an interactive learning experience for those with different levels of understanding, assisting them to respond to Bible stories.

9-CD Art, the Visual Language of Faith (2 hours)

This workshop introduces art as a creative form of faith education, offering ideas for helping persons with special needs express religious experiences.

10-CD 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-CD Music and Movement as Aids to Learning (2 hours)

This workshop examines different forms of music and body movements, and how they can be used in the faith formation and education of people with special needs.

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