

**CORE CURRICULUM FOR PATHWAYS FOR CATECHIST FORMATION**  
**PARISH & SENIOR I, II LEVELS**

THIS SUMMARY IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE CORE CURRICULUM FOR PATHWAYS AND IS DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRICULUM ISSUES THAT WILL BE  
 ADDRESSED IN PHASE II OF THE CATECHETICAL NORMS.

	<b>PARISH LEVEL</b>	<b>SENIOR I LEVEL</b>	<b>SENIOR II LEVEL</b>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b> <i>The catechist will be able to:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build identity in Christ and their vocation.</li> <li>• Leverage technology as a learning resource.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the personal systematic learning of theology and church teaching.</li> <li>• Extend the development of personal spirituality and prayer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate learning theories with tasks of religious education</li> <li>• Foster maturing spiritual growth.</li> </ul>
<b>THEMES</b> <i>The catechist will learn:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills and tools for effective catechesis</li> <li>• Key characteristics of a catechist’s learning audience</li> <li>• Basic catechetical church documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scripture</li> <li>• The Creed</li> <li>• Liturgy and Sacraments</li> <li>• Prayer and Spirituality</li> <li>• Catholic Morality</li> <li>• Catholic Social Teaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive religious education to persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Techniques to catechize diverse cultures and ethnicities</li> <li>• Rhythm of Catholic life in our Diocese  <small>Vocations, Social Mission, Cultural Ministries</small></li> <li>• Multiple Intelligences Theory</li> <li>• Learning Styles and Methods</li> <li>• Spiritual Development</li> <li>• Ecumenism</li> </ul>
<b>RESOURCES</b> <i>The catechist will need:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Echoes of Faith</i> – Catechetical &amp; Methodology – Video Assisted Learning Modules</li> <li>• Teacher Training Videos</li> <li>• Church Documents</li> <li>• National Catechetical Documents</li> <li>• Religious Education Related Texts</li> <li>• Diocesan Documents</li> <li>• National Catholic Magazine</li> <li>• Catholic Virginian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Echoes of Faith</i> Theology Video Assisted Learning Modules</li> <li>• National Catechetical Documents</li> <li>• <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u></li> <li>• Church Catechetical Documents</li> <li>• <u>Code of Canon Law</u></li> <li>• Liturgical Texts and Documents</li> <li>• <u>Catholic Study Bible</u></li> <li>• <u>Documents of Vatican II</u></li> <li>• Catholic Web Sites</li> <li>• Specialized educational texts and articles</li> </ul>	

*Catechists “on going formation should enhance the human, spiritual, and apostolic qualities and catechetical skills they bring to their ministry.” NDC, p. 238f*