

THE CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM DIOCESE of ROCKFORD

The *National Directory for Catechesis* and *Directory for Catechesis* strongly encourage initial and on-going formation of parish catechists. They state, “[s]ince effective catechesis depends on virtuous and skilled catechists, their ongoing formation should enhance the human, spiritual, and apostolic qualities and catechetical skills they bring to their ministry... Diocesan pastoral programs must give absolute priority to the formation of lay catechists” (NDC 55 E). Listed below are the sessions that comprise the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Rockford.

<u>FORMATION</u>	<u>SESSION DESCRIPTION</u>
Core Formation 8 sessions	Call to Holiness Created for Community Discipleship Encountering God Families of Faith God’s Revelation Narrative of Faith The Vocation of the Catechist
Doctrinal Formation 8 sessions	Mary, the Saints, and the Afterlife Sacramental Life of the Church The Catechism of the Catholic Church The Mass and Theology of the Eucharist The Ten Commandments and Moral Decision Making The Trinity and the Creed Theology of the Church Understanding Sacred Scripture
Ministerial Formation 4 sessions	Leading Catholic Prayer Salvation History Stages of Faith Development in Participants / Students The Human Person
4 ministerial electives	Consult list posted to the CEORockford.org website.
Continuing Formation	18 hours every 3 years