

# CATECHIST FORMATION CLASSES

*Finding God and teaching creatively is at the heart of religious education sessions. These two classes build upon one another by exploring engaging ways to teach about God, foster spiritual development, and retain concepts.*

**Saturday September 19, 2026**

**Class I**                    **9:30 am – 10:30 am**

**Activities that Promote Creativity in the Classroom (Presenter: Casey Porch)**

While catechists are responsible for nurturing the faith life of their students, they are also faced with the challenge of instructing them in creative ways so they are actively involved in the learning process rather than passive reception. Participants will explore the theory behind active learning and share engaging and innovative resources for teaching religious education and passing on the faith. *(Elective Class)*

**Class II**                    **10:45 am – 11:45 am**

**Teaching Methods for Advent (Presenter: Casey Porch)**

This hands-on workshop will use the material of the previous class to deepen catechists' understanding of and planning for Advent. By exploring creative age-appropriate teaching methods, participants will create their own lesson for the season of Advent through interactive teaching tools, ideas, and activities that accompany students, and their families on a journey to the manger. *(Elective Class)*

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**<https://www.ceorockford.org/catechetical-leader-training/>**

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