

Catechist Certification Track

Preparation for the Catechetical Mission: This is a comprehensive program offering the methodological, philosophical, and doctrinal topics essential to the teaching of the Faith. Believing that the most significant factor in the catechetical endeavor is the individual catechist passing on a lived faith, Franciscan University has committed itself to assisting in the preparation of men and women equal to the task of catechesis. While presenting a systematic doctrinal foundation coming directly from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this track also includes proven, effective methodologies.

A. Registration and Attendance

Conference participants who would like to participate in the DRE Certification Track must come to Track Check-in on the first day of the conference, after Conference Registration, to confirm your participation in the track. At Conference Registration, they will tell you the location of Track Check-in. Participants pursuing the certification **must attend all seven Catechist Certification Track workshops and all general sessions** during the week. Attendance will be monitored at all sessions, including the general sessions.

B. Administrative Fee

In order to cover administrative costs to the Office of Catechetics (postage, supplies, photocopying, etc.) **all Catechist Certification Track participants will be charged a \$20.00 fee each year**. This fee will be paid to the Conference Office with your regular conference and housing costs. Please inform the conference staff that you would like to participate in the Catechist Certification Track.

C. Certification Requirements

1. Over five successive summers, Catechist Certification Track participants will attend a total of 35 workshops and 20 general sessions on philosophy, methodology, and doctrine.
2. Each participant will complete and submit a required short reflection/analysis paper each year.
3. The candidates in their fifth year will be required to present a 30 minute teaching including complete lesson plan.

D. Assignment Guidelines

Reflection/Analysis Papers

The purpose of the reflection/analysis paper is to expand upon the thought presented in the workshops and general sessions attended during each summer's conference. It is expected that you will describe how the information you have received applies to your particular ministry situation. Papers are to be typed double-spaced, 6 – 10 pages in length. The paper may be organized at the writer's discretion: address each of the workshops and general sessions individually, or address the conference offerings as a whole, as long as all of the workshops and general sessions are clearly addressed. Any citations to documents should be made within the text of the paper as follows: "Quotation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* or CCC #1234). Do not use endnotes or footnotes.

Papers for this year's conference must be postmarked by September 14, 2015, and mailed (or emailed) to the address below: There is no need to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope; however, on each project/paper, please include your name, contact information, the name and year of the Conference you attended and the number of years you have been in the track. Your papers will be returned to you before the next year's St. John Bosco Conference, with comments.

A copy of your papers will be kept on file until you have completed the entire certification track sequence (five consecutive summer conferences). Please mail (or email) all assignments to:

Franciscan University of Steubenville
Office of Catechetics
1235 University Blvd.
Steubenville, OH 43952
Email: catechetics@franciscan.edu

30 Minute Teaching

All participants in their fifth year of the Catechist Training Certification Track are to present a 30 minute teaching including complete lesson plan.

There are two ways this requirement may be satisfied:

1. Immediately prior to the St. John Bosco Conference at the campus of Franciscan University
2. A 30 minute video tape of the candidate teaching a class may be submitted by the required date, prior to the conference. The "Video Taping Criteria" guidelines will be available during the conference.

Questions regarding assignments may be directed to the Office of Catechetics at: (740) 284-5317, or by email: catechetics@franciscan.edu.

E. Workshop Schedule for Catechist Certification*

Year V (2015)

1. Four General Sessions
2. The Trinity
3. The Four Last Things
4. Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis
5. The Spiritual Life of the Catechist
6. The Family Context of Catechesis
7. Philosophy 101

Year I (2016)

1. Four General Sessions
2. Philosophical Tools for Catechetics
3. Scripture – The Big Picture
4. Lesson Planning
5. Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina
6. Faith and Revelation
7. Christology

Year II (2017)

1. Four General Sessions
2. Philosophy of the Human Person
3. Scripture
4. The Ecclesial Method of Catechesis

5. The Catholic Family story
6. The Holy Spirit - how to teach about
7. The Catechism & other Magisterial Catechetical Documents

Year III (2018)

1. Four General Sessions
2. Reality I
3. Liturgy and Sacraments
4. Sacramental Preparation of Young People or Initiation Catechesis
5. Liturgy and Catechetical Methodology
6. History and Mission of the Church
7. Catechesis and Conversion

Year IV (2019)

1. Four General Sessions
2. Reality II
3. The Ten Commandments
4. Sin and Virtue
5. Faith and Moral Development
6. Scripture
7. The Beatitudes and Catholic Social Teaching

*Workshops subject to change without notice