

St. John Bosco Conference

Catechumenal Ministry Certification (RCIA)



Preparation for all those involved in assisting the conversion process of newcomers to the Catholic Faith: This is a comprehensive training program offering the methodological, philosophical, and doctrinal topics essential to the evangelization and catechesis of those investigating and approaching membership in the Catholic Faith. Believing that the most significant factor in this process of conversion is the passing on a lived Faith, Franciscan University has committed itself to assisting in the preparation of men and women equal to the catechumenal task. While presenting a systematic doctrinal foundation coming directly from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this track also includes the following: Scripture, the conversion process, liturgy, catechesis, pastoral care, and stages of the catechumenal process. Workshops on evangelism, canon law, and the catechumenate for children and adolescents will also be offered.

Registration and Attendance

Conference participants who wish to register for this track may should do so at the Conference Registration tables at check-in, or online prior to the Conference.

Certification Requirements

Over successive summers, track participants will attend multiple workshops and general sessions on doctrine, the conversion process, Scripture, pastoring, liturgy, catechesis, stages of the catechumenal process, and some elective courses in related topics. An online component is also included.

Track Structure

On the second and third pages of this summary is a detailed breakdown of the structure of this track. As with all of the tracks at the St. John Bosco Conference, some of the workshops are taught at the Conference, and some are available online as well. Eventually, as our filming and post-production schedule permits, all of this track's workshops will be available online at: www.FranciscanAtHome.com

For the workshops at the Conference, if you are in your first year, please attend the workshops listed as **RCIA1**. If you are in your second or third year, please attend the workshops listed as **RCIA2**.

After the Conference, please turn in the Check-Off Sheet for Track Participants to the Catechetical Institute table at the back of the Fieldhouse's main event space.

Once you return home after the Conference, if you've not already done so, please use the sheet you were given to log onto www.FranciscanAtHome.com using the free code on that sheet, and enter the Catechumenal (RCIA) Ministry Track for online workshops.

Questions regarding the track may be directed to the Catechetical Institute at: (740) 283-6754, or by email: ci@franciscan.edu.

We look forward to meeting you at the Conference, and to serving you!



ONLINE

Catechumenal Ministry (RCIA) Track

In cooperation with the Association for Catechumenal Ministry (ACM), this wide-ranging three-part track provides preparation for all those involved in assisting the conversion process of newcomers to the Catholic faith. It does this by focusing on the liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral elements essential to the evangelization and formation of those investigating and approaching our Church.

While presenting a systematic doctrinal foundation taken directly from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this track also includes a deep exploration of Scripture's role in the conversion process, the centrality of the liturgical rites, the nature of teaching for conversion, the indispensable work of an RCIA team, the role of sponsors and godparents, the power of a balanced clergy-laity collaboration, and the importance of each of the stages of the catechumenal process. Workshops on evangelization, canon law, and the catechumenate for children and adolescents are also offered.

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Catechumenal Ministry (RCIA) Track

Foundational RCIA Certification (10 hrs + 2 doctrine electives)

The Vision for Christian Initiation

1. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice
2. Three Approaches to the RCIA Process
3. Entrance into Christ & Participation in God's Life

Liturgical Aspect of Christian Initiation

4. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
5. Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process: Gateways & Sources of Grace for Conversion

Catechetical Aspect of Christian Initiation

6. Catechesis: Echoing what God has Revealed
7. Catechetical Components of the Christian Initiation Process: Illuminating & Securing the Path of Faith
8. Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis

Pastoral Aspect of Christian Initiation

9. The Challenge of Charity: Life in God's Family
10. Pastoral Components of the Christian Initiation Process: From Initial Motivation to Firm Conviction to a Catholic Worldview

Advanced RCIA Certification – Part I (9 hrs + 2 doctrine electives + 1 other elective)

The Vision for Christian Initiation

1. Revelation, Grace, & the Response of Faith: God's Methodology

Liturgical Aspect of Christian Initiation

2. Liturgy: Communion with God & Prime Means for Insertion into Christ
3. Wielding the RCIA Rites Book Effectively

Catechetical Aspect of Christian Initiation

4. The Ecclesial Method
5. Analyzing Doctrine
6. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

Pastoral Aspect of Christian Initiation

7. The Catechist: Witness to the Truth
8. Creating an Environment for Conversion: Developing a Team
9. Companions on the Journey: Sponsors & Godparents

Advanced RCIA Certification – Part II (9 hrs + 2 doctrine electives + 1 other elective)

The Vision for Christian Initiation

1. The Essential Roles of the Bishop & Clergy in the RCIA Process

Liturgical Aspect of Christian Initiation

2. The Discernment Process for Participants' Readiness for the Rites

Catechetical Aspect of Christian Initiation

3. Catechesis in the Precatechumenate: Delivering the Gospel
4. Catechesis in the Catechumenate: Faith, Hope, & Love
5. Catechesis in Purification & Enlightenment: Preparing to Receive the Life of God
6. Catechesis in Mystagogy: Deepening in the Graces Received

Pastoral Aspect of Christian Initiation

7. Pastoring From the Initial Inquiry to the Rite of Acceptance
8. Pastoring From the Rite of Acceptance to the Rite of Election
9. Pastoring From the Rite of Election to the Point of Initiation through the Neophyte Year

Individuals taking this three-level certification are required to take a total of eight electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE

1. The Trinity
2. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
3. Christ: His Person & Works
4. The Holy Spirit in Catechesis
5. The Sacramental Economy
6. The Blessed Virgin Mary
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
8. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes
9. The Four Last Things
10. Sin & Virtue
11. Catholic Social Teaching
12. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
13. Scripture & Tradition
14. Freedom, Grace & Related Moral Issues
15. Catechesis on Creation

ELECTIVES: LITURGICAL ASPECT

1. Incorporating the Minor Rites & Liturgical Prayer Experiences
2. Going Deeper: RCIA Lenten Rites
3. Going Deeper: Breaking Open the Word / Reflection on the Word
4. The Great Day: Holy Saturday
5. Unfolding Aspects of Catholic Prayer & Piety in the RCIA Process
6. Canon Law: Validity of Baptism
7. Canon Law: Annulments & Dissolutions
8. Canon Law: Denominational Considerations
9. Canon Law: Communion & Special Situations
10. Canon Law: Confirmation, Eastern Rites, & the Orthodox Churches

11. Initiation in Situations of Emergency
12. Initiation Adaptations for Hispanic Communities in the United States

ELECTIVES: CATECHETICAL ASPECT

1. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
2. Christ: Center of the Catechumenate
3. The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
4. Adult Faith & Moral Development
5. Discipling Adults
6. Apologetics Special Topics I
7. Apologetics Special Topics II
8. Apologetics Special Topics III
9. How to Teach to Cultural Realities
10. How to Use the Hierarchy of Truths
11. Making RCIA Gatherings Work Better
12. Discerning & Training of RCIA Catechists
13. Developing Annual Calendars & Catechetical Topics
14. Going Deeper With the Ecclesial Method
15. Philosophical Foundations of Catechetics
16. Digital Catechesis: Using Tech Tools to Teach Eternal Truths
17. Developing a Social Media Outreach
18. Catechesis & Inculturation for Diverse Communities
19. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Developmental Disabilities
20. Catechetical Mentorship

ELECTIVES: PASTORAL ASPECT

1. Signs & Stages of Conversion
2. Going Deeper: Team Formation
3. Going Deeper: Sponsor Formation
4. Developing an Evangelizing & Welcoming Parish
5. The Catechumenate for Rural Parishes
6. Handling Difficult Needs of Neophytes
7. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
8. Annulments: Pastoral Suggestions for Those "In Waiting"
9. Forming Souls Through Small Groups
10. Formation Work With Men
11. Formation Work With Women
12. Catechesis & Counseling
13. Catechesis & Deliverance/Healing
14. Catechesis & LGBT Issues
15. Catechesis & Child Protection Issues
16. Pastoral Issues in Adult Ministry

ELECTIVES: RCIC

1. Child Faith & Moral Development
2. Resources for a Children's Catechumenate
3. Celebrating Liturgical Rites With Children
4. Informing & Forming Parents
5. Sponsors & Godparents for Children
6. Pastoral Issues in Children's Ministry
7. Child Saints
8. Barriers to Evangelization Occurring for Parents & by Parents
9. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality