

CALLED TO ECHO THE GOOD NEWS

Catechist Formation Day

August 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas, E. Lansing

IMPORTANT WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Please know that we have experienced low registrations at each of our three upcoming workshop locations and therefore are announcing the following change of schedule and location.

Rather than canceling each of our planned August workshops, we have made the prayerful decision to adjust our plans by **combining the three separate events into a single day offering at one location.** By doing so, this will provide enough interested participants to fiscally move forward with a vibrant day of catechetical formation.

All workshop sessions will occur at the times listed below.

SCHEDULE

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3: Individual Workshops

9:00-10:45

Kerygma Encounter
This retreat lasts all day

Ecclesial Method
This workshop lasts all day

Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina

11:00-12:45

Life Everlasting: The Four Last Things

Lunch

1:30-3:15pm

Sacred Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis

[See back of sheet for course descriptions](#)

COST and REGISTRATION:

\$35 - Kerygma Encounter or Ecclesial Method

\$15 - Per individual workshop

\$10 – Lunch (optional)

[Register Here!!!!!!](#)

QUESTIONS?

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Course Descriptions

Option 1:

Kerygma Encounter

All day retreat; this is the first step in Catechist Formation 9:00 – 3:30

Kerygma Encounter is a day spent with our loving God; Father, Son, and Spirit, going deep into the heart of the saving promise of God, fulfilled in the Gospel of Jesus.

The day is spent in quiet listening, and gentle rejoicing: listening to the essential Gospel proclaimed in brief talks, listening to the Lord speak directly to you throughout the day's many silent prayer times, including Eucharistic Adoration, sharing joy with each other in opportunities for quiet conversation. All of this infused and enlivened with the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

Kerygma Encounter is so essential and so transformational, the Diocese has placed it at the forefront -- the first or next step-- of several lay ministry formation programs, including Catechist Formation. If you haven't experienced Kerygma Encounter yet, this is the very next step (or the very first step!) on your path to Catechist certification!

We are deeply grateful to God for calling you into deeper union with Him through catechetical ministry. We're humbled and privileged to participate in your growth in this personal and catechetical work by sharing the Kerygma with you in this ever-new/ever-ancient way.

Option 2:

Ecclesial Method

All day workshop 9:00 – 3:15

Every good catechist seeks in some organized fashion to give growth to the seed of faith, to nourish hope, and to develop a deeper desire to love God and neighbor. In this introductory catechetical (teaching) workshop you will learn a way of planning and teaching that will enable you to successfully share your faith with your students. You will experience how to prepare yourself, your students, and your classroom for effective catechesis. We will explore the practical steps of lesson planning within a method that will help you achieve your goals as a catechist and have an opportunity to do some planning for the upcoming year. Please bring your teacher's edition text, a Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A laptop or tablet is optional.

Option 3:

Session 1 – Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina

9:00 – 10:45

Pope Benedict XVI stated that, “the ancient tradition of *Lectio Divina*... will bring to the Church a new spiritual springtime.” Come and experience the prayerful pondering of sacred Scripture in the timeless *Lectio Divina* in which the Holy Spirit makes a connection between the passage and one's own life. This way of praying with the Word of God incorporates the *natural* development of relationship, which derives from the way God has touched and drawn human hearts down through the ages. During this workshop, you will learn the four stages of *Lectio Divina*, which will help prepare you to share in this rich treasure of prayer.

Session 2 – Life Everlasting: The Four Last Things

11:00 – 12:45

The Big Questions: Why am I here? What is my purpose? Where am I going? Unless one is sleepwalking through life, these are burningly *urgent* and profoundly *relevant* questions. How our loving God comes to us at our last breath can unfold so much about those critical questions. We'll correct common myths about the “Four Last Things,” provide suggestions for teaching these amazing truths, and speak into the powerful curiosity we all have about crossing that final threshold.

Session 3 - Sacred Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis

1:30 – 3:15

Knowing and understanding Scripture is *essential* in the life of a catechist. This workshop will explore how God's Word, transmitted in Sacred Scripture, grounds and deepens our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. In Scripture, we see the sweeping Plan of God, the history of salvation unfolded. We hear His stunning and steadfast invitation to *communion with Him*. Sacred Scripture ought to permeate all forms of catechesis, as well as our personal lives as catechists. Through creating lesson plans saturated with the Scriptures, we foster a profound encounter with the Divine – love and challenge, wisdom and hope, forgiveness and mercy, and the means to *know God* and to *know ourselves*. By breaking open the Scriptures in each catechetical session, we unlock the mystery of Christ, revealing to those we teach the One they desire to know, fostering life-changing intimacy with God.