



CALLED TO ECHO THE GOOD NEWS Catechist Formation Day



January 22, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. | St. Agnes Church, Fowlerville

Session Times

Individual Course Offerings

9:00 - 10:45	Kerygma Encounter <i>(This is an all-day retreat)</i>	Jesus Christocentricity of Catechesis	Introduction to the Old Testament
11:00 - 12:45		Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture	Introduction to the New Testament
Lunch Break	All participants asked to bring their own brown bag lunch. Lite breakfast items and beverages available throughout the day.		
1:30 - 3:15		The Life of the Trinity	Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist

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COST and REGISTRATION:

\$35 - Kerygma Encounter
 \$15 - Per individual course

Registration Deadline: January 8, 2022

Cancellations will be made for courses with low attendance as of the registration deadline date.

QUESTIONS?

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REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/npcakzm8>

Course Descriptions

Kerygma Encounter: 9:00 am – 3:15 pm

All day retreat; required first step in Catechist Formation

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 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.

Individual Course Offerings

Register for only one course offerings per session time.

Session 1: 9:00 am – 10:45 am

Christocentricity of Catechesis

"Mother Church insists that catechesis that *truly* evangelizes hearts, and that meets souls in the place of *greatest* need, must be unshakably centered upon Him who is our beginning and our end – Jesus Christ. We teach Jesus, and *everything* we teach, we teach in reference to Him, thus teaching *Christo*-centrically. Come explore how to unfold the life-giving truths of our faith with Jesus placed clearly at the center of all things: our teaching content, our teaching methods, and our own personal witness to others whom God has called us to love."

Introduction to the Old Testament

A plan born in the Father's heart: from the genesis of life itself, to the last prophet of the Jewish people, the *grand sweep* of salvation history is unfolded in the 46 books of the Old Testament. The Covenants, the Commandments, and the promise of a Chosen One form the subject of this workshop, to give catechists a sense of the *provident hand of God* over our past, our present, and our eternal destiny.

Session 2: 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

This workshop will introduce participants to biblical catechesis through an ancient catechetical technique: the use of *the Story of the Bible*. The most important historical events of the Bible can be briefly described in one Story, connected by one common theme: *union with God*. Often in a catechetical setting we fall into the habit of teaching individual topics without reference to the greater context of salvation history. Everything that the Church teaches, her doctrines, disciplines, worship, and morality *makes sense* when delivered within the context of this story. Come hear how to tell the story in various settings and practice doing so.

Introduction to the New Testament

"That which was from the beginning...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim to you..." (1 John 1:1, 4). The New Testament is the *completion* of the story of how the Father prepared the world for His Son, and the *beginning* of the story of the Church, His Body, His Kingdom, His Bride, His Ark to save a People He calls His own. This sweeping drama of truth, centered upon He who is Truth, forms the message of the good news that catechists are *privileged* to offer to each generation of souls.

Session 3: 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm

The Life of the Trinity

The Blessed Trinity is the greatest of all mysteries: the One and Only God is a unity of Three Persons. The Trinity is also our final home, the goal of our life. This mystery, revealed in Jesus, sheds light on all other Christian mysteries. And it is the revelation that sheds light on all other Christian mysteries. Knowing that God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, is a unity of loving Persons, changes our understanding of everything. This workshop will help to show how to teach the centrality of the Trinity effectively, as the goal and fulfillment of the life of each Christian.

Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist

In order to pass on the truths of Faith in season and out, the catechist must be *securely grounded* in Christ. This workshop will consider the richness of the Catholic spiritual life as it pertains specifically to the life of the catechist. Prayer is not the "last ditch effort" of defense for us as catechists, but our *first* line of defense - the wings on which *every* effort should soar. A review of the spiritual tools of the trade is appropriate to help catechists provide catechesis that is *permeated* by prayer.

It is suggested that you bring your Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church to all courses.