



Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation
Diocese of Stockton



EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION
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RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION FOR DRE

In accordance with the Guidelines for the Formation and Certification of Catechists as approved by the Bishops of the California Catholic Conference and the Directors of Religious Education and Superintendents of Schools of the (Arch) Dioceses of the State of California (revised 2009), to promote and standardize the competence of catechetical programs under their jurisdiction.

Certification expires in no less than three (3) and no more than four (4) years after the date of issue. To renew this certificate, the DRE shall complete at least ten (10) hours annually, for a total of 40 hours, in categories listed during the life of the certificate. The choice of courses and plan must have the prior approval of the appropriate diocesan office (EFF). The DRE must demonstrate on-going religious education and formation in accordance with the below listed content areas and diocesan requirements. The options for renewal are:

1. Advanced Theology for Ministry course with the School of Ministry or other courses offered
2. Ongoing formation courses/workshops from the Franciscan Catechetical Institute.
3. Participation in courses and workshops(i.e. see below)
Selected from the following topics as they relate to the catechetical ministry
 - a. Scripture
 - b. Doctrine
 - c. Morality
 - d. Sacraments/Liturgy
 - e. Church (Ecclesiology)
 - f. Psychology
 - g. Pedagogy
 - h. Classroom Skills

The reverse side of this form is to be used by persons seeking renewal of certification under the terms listed above.

Which workshops or courses can be counted toward the renewal of certification?

Adult Formation Conference at San Francisco or L.A. Religious Education. Adult education/formation programs offered by our diocesan offices may count toward renewal. A Parish Program, facilitated by a currently certified Master Catechist or preapproved speaker may be acceptable for renewal. On-line courses through Boston College, C-21, Dayton University or Notre Dame may be acceptable for renewal. Please contact EFF for approval.

The catechist/DRE is encouraged to maintain their own records using the form Catechist/DRE Renewal Form on the reverse side of this form. Only workshops that correspond to the areas mentioned above count toward renewal. Please contact EFF to ensure you are attending approved events for renewal.

For each workshop attended, a 200–300-word **reflection paper** is required. It must be submitted to the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation within four weeks of the event in the standard format available on the diocesan webpage. Attach a flyer, pamphlet or other information on the event.

