ABLAZE

Catechist Formation Process

The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana is happy to announce Ablaze, our updated catechist formation process. The goal of this revised process is to ground our parish catechetical programs in the kerygma, led by catechists who know the faith and bear witness to it as they accompany others towards greater love of Jesus Christ.

Ablaze is designed for flexibility with multiple delivery formats supported, including:

- Classes facilitated by local catechetical leaders
- Local classes led by a diocesan facilitator
- Video lessons with group discussion facilitated by a local leader

We encourage parishes to open these courses to any interested adults as part of a holistic lifelong formation process.

We have also aligned Ablaze with the University of Dayton's VLCFF program (vlcff.udayton.edu) and Franciscan University of Steubenville's Franciscan@Home courses (franciscanathome.com). Catechists taking select courses from these online programs can receive credit in our process.

For more information on Ablaze, contact the Office of Catechesis at (765) 269-4664 or jsullivan@dol-in.org.

"The work of formation acts as a *transformation* of the person, who internalizes the evangelical message existentially and in such a way that it may be light and guidance for his ecclesial life and mission."

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Ablaze Course Topics

Spirituality	Doctrine	Methodology
Series 1		
Experiencing the Kerygma	Christology * †	Classroom Management † ‡
The Ministry of Catechesis * †	Theology of Revelation * †	Prayer in the Classroom * †
Prayer * †	Old Testament * †	
8 Hours Personal Spiritual Enrichment **	New Testament * †	
	The Creeds * †	
Series 2		
Spirituality of the Catechist †	Liturgy * †	Lesson Planning † ‡
Sharing Witness Stories	Sacraments * †	The Art of Accompaniment
8 Hours Personal Spiritual Enrichment **	The Holy Trinity * †	The Stages of Faith * †
	Morality * †	
	Faith & Science	
Series 3		
Discipleship *	Mariology * †	Apologetics
Charism/Strengths Discernment	Ecclesiology * †	Catechesis with Persons with Special Needs *
8 Hours Personal Spiritual Enrichment **	Catholic Social Doctrine * †	
	Church History I *	
	Church History II *	
	Theology of the Body * †	

* Equivalent credit available from VLCFF

** Personal Spiritual Enrichment credit is attained by participation in personal and group retreats; parish missions; days of prayer; liturgical ministry training; and other activities that build the spiritual life of the catechist

† Equivalent credit available from Franciscan@Home

‡ Individuals with a valid teaching license receive automatic credit for these courses

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