

2. Who Can Participate?

The WEI's certification and intensive programs are open to the faithful 18 years and older in the Diocese of Cheyenne who want to grow in their spiritual life and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Both programs, certification and intensives, are designed for those who participate in parish ministry, such as parish staff, sacramental preparation and Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (OCIA) catechists, youth ministers, Hispanic ministry leaders, and volunteers. Also, for catholic agencies staff that serves the faithful in the diocese of Cheyenne such as Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus, among others.

Program Content

To carry out the goal of the institute with its catechetical process, both the certification and intensive programs are grounded in the five interrelated dimensions of catechesis suggested by Pope Leo XIV¹ and the Directory for Catechesis: Formation in Prayer, Community & Mission, Knowledge of Faith, Liturgical Formation, and Moral Formation.² All instruction is deeply rooted in solid Catholic spirituality, sacred scripture, and doctrine.

The certification and intensive programs are offered in both English and Spanish. Each language option contains the same content, delivery format, class structure, spiritual and doctrinal content. However, individuals' "classroom experience" will vary as different instructors facilitate the learning experience according to the students' level of education and life experience.

¹ Pope Leo XIV, *Drawing New Maps of Hope*, (Apostolic Letter: October 2025) n. 4.2.

² Directory for Catechesis, *Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization* (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Washington, DC 2020) 90-96. *Five catechetical dimensions, suggested by the Directory for Catechesis, in relation to the five areas of formation stated in the Apostolic Letter Drawing New Maps of Hope by Pope Leo XIV.*