

Foundational Catechetical Certification for Green Bay Diocese Summary

Six Foundational “components” (equals 60 hours of class time)

Requirement: **Each component = 5 classes @ 2 hours long each = 10 hours total.**

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| 1. Creed | – USCCA (chapters 1-2, 4-13) | = 10 hours |
| 2. Sacraments & Liturgy | – USCCA (chapters 14-22) | = 10 hours |
| 3. Morality | -- USCCA (chapters 23-34) | = 10 hours |
| 4. Prayer & Spirituality | – USCCA (chapters 35-36) | = 10 hours |
| 5. Bible | – USCCA (chapter 3) | = 10 hours |
| 6. Methods | | = 10 hours |
- a. **Track A:** Catechists in RE Programs (Text: *Catechists’ Toolbox & Echoes of Faith Plus*)
 - b. **Track B:** Teachers in Catholic Grade Schools (Faith Integration)



When finished with the 6 components = **60 hours of class time**

Certification Recording Team (Sheila Re, Carol Fountain & Sr. Jacqueline)

- Team will go through all records and will grandfather teacher/catechists in the 6 components.
- Those people **missing components** (even if they currently hold Advanced) will need to take the component(s) that they are missing.

Grandfathering in the Theology 101 and USCCA (12 sessions)

<u>Theology 101 / USCCA (12 sessions)</u>		<u>New Components Completed:</u>
Creed	—————>	Creed
Sacraments & Liturgy	—————>	Sacraments & Liturgy
Morality	—————>	Morality

Also Required to Take:

Bible
Prayer & Spirituality
Methods: Track A/Track B

On-going Formation:

Ongoing Formation Courses: Required of Catechists/DREs/Catholic School Teachers to continue to grow in the faith.

- Person should take components that are lacking in their certification first.
- Person may take a component they don’t feel they have received enough instruction.
- One of the courses (at least 10 hours long with additional reading) may be taken each year for On-going Formation. [Courses will be published each year from RE & AFF department]

- **Equivalent College Courses in specific subject areas within five years of applying for certification**
 - Examples of equivalents
 - Theology course in Sacraments
 - Theology course in Old Testament/New Testament
 - Theology course in Morality
- **Those currently holding Advanced, Advanced Renewal, Commissioned Ministry, and people holding a BA or a MA who have not had specific courses in the six components are required to take them.**
 - Examples: Person has never taken
 - Old Testament – Salvation History NEED to take Bible Foundation Component
 - Specific theology courses in the each of the five components (Creed, Sacraments & Liturgy, Morality, Prayer & Spirituality) need to take these foundational courses
 - Methods in Faith Integration (School Teacher), Methods for Catechists
- **College Course Equivalents**
 - Examples:
 - An approved college course for one credit suffices for one year of an approved course at the parish, or adult formation course sponsored by the diocesan adult formation program that has been approved for certification.
 - An approved college course for three credits suffices three years of an approved course at the parish, or adult formation course sponsored by the diocesan adult formation program that has been approved for certification.
- All other courses being taken for Ongoing Formation must be approved ahead of time by the Religious Education Department.

Examples of Approved AFF Programs and Parish Programs (with assigned reading/ accountability)

- **Adult Faith Formation Courses** workshops/courses count towards On-going Formation (Courses that apply will be decided upon by RE and AFF Department.)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Book to Read:</u>
○ Breathing with Both Lungs	101 Q & A on Eastern Catholic Churches by Edward Faulk
○ Surge of the Heart	Abandonment to Divine Providence by Pierre de Caussade
○ Life in the Holy Spirit	<i>Humanae vitae; Familiaris consortio; Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care</i> (USCCB).
- **Parish Based Programs** – must be a series of talks (totaling at least 10 hours)
Participant must do required reading specified by the Religious Education Department

<u>Class</u>	<u>Book to Read:</u>
○ Catholicism DVDs	<i>Catholicism: A Journey To the Heart of the Faith</i> by Father Robert Barron
○ Created & Redeemed	<i>Theology of the Body for Beginners</i> by Christopher West
○ Biblical Walk Through the Mass	<i>The Biblical Walk Through the Mass</i> & workbook by Edward Sri
○ Epic: Journey Through Church History	<i>This is Our Church</i> by Michael Pennock