



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

Doorways TO FORMATION IN THE FAITH

CATECHETICAL METHODS AND SKILLS
Course Structure and Highlights

Course Description

This course offers a basic overview of methods and skills for new or inexperienced catechists to feel successful and competent in catechetical ministry. It provides an opportunity to understand the vocation of the catechist, experience catechetical materials hands-on, collaborate with other catechists and apply the lessons to their ministry.

Course Expectations

Attendance at five of the six sessions is required to receive a Certificate of Completion.
Read assigned and related materials prior to class.
Participate in class discussions.
Maintain a Course Journal/Notebook.
Complete and return the Course Evaluation.
Safe Environment Training is up to date at the completion of the course.

Course Materials

Required Text

English

Paprocki, Joe. The Catechist's Toolbox. Chicago, IL: Loyola Press, 2007.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/the-catechists-toolbox-by-joe-paprocki.htm>

Spanish

Paprocki, Joe. La Caja de Herramientas Del Catequista. Chicago, IL: Loyola Press, 2007.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/products/espanol/formacion-ministerial/the-catechists-toolbox-spanish>

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Session 1/Week 1: The Vocation of the Catechist

Topics:

Key Church Documents
Language / Roles of Catechesis
Planning and Preparing for Catechesis
Overview of Faith Development

Reading Assignment:

Paprocki, Chapters 1 and 2

Session 2/Week 2: The Learner and the Learning Environment

Topics:

Learning Styles (Multiple Intelligences)
Engaging the Learner
The Learning Environment

Reading Assignment:

Paprocki, Chapters 5, 7, and 8

Session 3/Week 3: Effective Teaching Techniques

Topics:

Creating Appropriate Learning Activities
Varying Types of Questions with Learners
Preparing for Things to Go Wrong

Reading Assignment:

Paprocki, Chapters 3, 4, 6,

Session 4/Week 4: Classroom Management

Topic:

Skills and Tips on How to Discipline

Reading Assignment:

Paprocki, Chapters 10, 11, 15

Session 5/Week 5: Leading Prayer and Loving Scripture

Topics:

The Power of Prayer
Ways to Pray
Reading and Praying the Bible

Reading Assignment:

Paprocki, Chapters 9 and 13

Session 6/Week 6: Using Textbooks and Technology

Topics:

Skills, Tips and Practical Advice

Exploring Your Text

Incorporating Technology into Your Lessons

Reading Assignment:

Paprocki, Chapters 12 and 14