Catechetical Leader
Religious Education Certification
Beginning October 2021

All those working in catechetical leadership positions in religious education in parishes or elementary schools (i.e. DREs, CREs, directors of faith formation, etc.) must first meet the Catechist/Teacher Religious Education Certification requirements. Then, complete the following requirements for Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification.

1. Complete the following online course requirements in **each competency area** listed below, from either the University of Dayton's VLCFF online courses or the University of Notre Dame's STEP (total of 10 courses)*

   *Catechetical Leaders may also submit any college credit courses in theology/religious studies (from a Catholic institution) to be reviewed for the competency areas by sending a transcript to the Director of Religious Education at samanthagrone@archstl.org.

OR

2. Have a BA or higher in Religious Education/Theology/a similar degree from a Catholic college or university. Please submit official transcripts to the Office of Catholic Education and Formation.

We will work with anyone who is currently in process toward a CRE/DRE certification to assist with alignment of your current status with the Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification. Those who already have CRE/DRE status will maintain that status. (For more information about alignment, please go to the "If...Then..." section of the page.)

The Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification does not have requirements for renewal, however, we encourage continued yearly professional development in religious leadership, administration, spirituality, and theology.

Competency Areas	Required Course 1	Required Course 2
RE Religious Education (Catechesis)	Administration in Ministry (Dayton)	One elective from RE courses in the electives list (either Dayton or ND)
ST Systematic Theology (Catholic Doctrine)	One elective from ST courses listed below (either Dayton or ND)	N/A
LT Liturgy/Sacraments	The Mass (Dayton) OR Theology of the Mass (ND)	N/A
SS Sacred Scripture	One elective from SS courses listed below (either Dayton or ND)	N/A
MT Moral Theology	Survey of Catholic Social Teaching (Dayton) OR Catholic Social Teaching (ND)	One elective from MT course in the electives list (either Dayton or ND)
SP Spirituality/Prayer	One elective from SP courses listed below (either Dayton or ND)	N/A
EL Electives	Elective from any of the competency areas from the lists provided	Elective from any of the competency areas in the electives list

To register for online courses, click here.

If…Then…

NOTE: This is based on your religion certification status for courses taken before October 2021

Read the statements below to determine the status of your Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification. **Please contact the Director of Religious Education with further questions, samanthagrone@archstl.org.**

- If **I am currently working toward CRE Certification**…then, I should contact the Director of Religious Education to have an individual consultation to see where my courses align with the Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification and which course(s) I will need to take to receive Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification. (This will be considered on a case-by-case basis because of the variety of courses that may have been taken.)

- If **I already have CRE Certification (and I have NOT begun working toward DRE Certification)**…then, I maintain my CRE Certification.

- If **I already have CRE Certification, but am working toward DRE Certification**…then, I should contact the Director of Religious Education to have an individual consultation to see where my courses align with the Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification and which course(s) I will need to take to receive Catechetical Leader Religious Education Certification. (This will be considered on a case-by-case basis because of the variety of courses that may have been taken.)

- If **I already have DRE Certification**…then, I maintain my DRE Certification.