

## Religious Education Certification & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Beginning March 2022

*\*Catechists/Teachers who have already received Religious Education Certification with CGS training will be grandfathered in and will only need courses for renewal (see below). CREs/DREs who received certification with CGS training will also be grandfathered in and will maintain that certification.*

### Does Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training count toward Religious Education Certification?

- **Catechists/Teachers with Level 3 CGS Training**
  - **Considered fully certified for catechist/teacher religious education** and can serve in **both CGS & other religious education programs**. Renewal requirements will apply (see below).
  
- **Catechists/Teachers with Level 2 CGS Training**
  - **Considered certified for CGS programs (Level 1 & 2) only.** A catechist/teacher serving *only* in a CGS atrium or teaching in a classroom that *only* uses CGS for the curriculum does not need to take courses for religious education certification.
  - The catechist/teacher who has completed Level 1 & 2 CGS Training will receive credit for Religious Education Certification in the following areas: RE, SP, ST, SS, and the two formation opportunities.
    - (CGS Certificates must be sent to the Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education).
    - Therefore...
  - **To teach in religious education programs OTHER than CGS**, the catechist/teacher must complete the course requirements for the **LT and MT** competency areas for Catechist/Teacher Religious Education Certification (2 courses) and follow requirements for renewal. The courses are:
    - LT - "Sacraments" (Dayton) OR "Introduction to Sacramental Theology" (Notre Dame)
    - MT - "Introduction Christian Morality" (Dayton) OR "The Christian Conscience & Ethical Dilemmas" (Notre Dame)
  
- **Catechists/Teachers with Level 1 CGS Training**
  - **Considered certified for CGS programs (Level 1) only.** A catechist/teacher serving *only* in a CGS atrium or teaching in a classroom that *only* uses CGS for the curriculum does not need to take courses for religious education certification.
  - The catechist/teacher who has completed Level 1 CGS Training will receive credit for Religious Education Certification in the following areas: RE, SP, and the two formation opportunities.
    - (CGS Certificates must be sent to the Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education).
    - Therefore...
  - **To teach in religious education programs OTHER than CGS**, the catechist/teacher must complete the course requirements for the **ST, SS, LT, and MT** competency areas for Catechist/Teacher Religious Education Certification (4 courses) and follow requirements for renewal. The courses are:
    - ST - "Survey of Catholic Doctrine" (Dayton) OR "Catholic Faith and Tradition for School Teachers" (Notre Dame)
    - SS - "Introduction to Scripture" (Dayton) OR "Preface to the Study of Scripture" (Notre Dame)
    - LT - "Sacraments" (Dayton) OR "Introduction to Sacramental Theology" (Notre Dame)
    - MT - "Introduction to Christian Morality" (Dayton) OR "The Christian Conscience & Ethical Dilemmas" (Notre Dame)

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**Renewal:**

Catechists/teachers have **5 years** from the time certification is completed to renew their certification. Certification must continue to be renewed every 5 years. **Renewal is achieved by taking one course from either the Catechetical Leader Certification requirements or from the Electives List.** Yearly, on-going spiritual formation is encouraged, but will not be collected by the Office of Catholic Education and Formation. NOTE: For renewal courses to count toward the Catechetical Leader Certification, be sure to take courses that meet those requirements.

For information about Religious Education Certification courses or renewal, click [here](#).

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