

Master Catechist Certification

The Master Catechist Certification program trains those who teach youths or adults and/or who are expected to provide support to others in the faith formation programs of a parish (DREs or Lay Faith Formation Ministers).

Christendom College Graduate School of Theology offers the two-year Master Catechist Certification program every other year. **Courses may be taken for academic credit and used towards a Master of Arts in Theology** (see <https://graduate.christendom.edu> for details).

Christendom College Graduate School of Theology

Classes in English; participant copay \$100/course

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- Applications are accepted by the **Office of Faith Formation** every other year for a two-year program (next cohort begins Jan. 2023).
- Applications require the approval/signature of the Pastor.
- Classes meet on eight Saturday mornings during the Fall/Spring semesters and run asynchronously online during Summer semester (do not meet during Summer).
- Classes may be upgraded for academic credit towards a Masters in Arts degree.
- Fall/Spring courses can be taken in any modality or combination of the following modalities: on-campus, live online, or asynchronously (pre-recorded).

Requirements for Master Catechist Certification:

- A completed Master Catechist Certification Application Form;
- A signed Catechist Oath of Fidelity; and
- Proof of successful completion of the Christendom Graduate School of Theology Master Catechist program (transcript).

Master Catechist Certification Courses:

MCP 501: The Profession of Faith

MCP 502: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

MCP 503: Life in Christ

MCP 504: Christian Prayer

MCP 505: Sacred Scripture

Plus one elective from:

MCP 506: Fathers of the Church

MCP 507: Apologetics

MCP 508: Policies, Norms, and Best Practices (this course is required for DREs)

Note: Those who have earned a Christendom College Graduate School of Theology Certificate in Systematic Theology or Evangelization and Catechesis prior to 2021 have fulfilled the course requirements for the Master Catechist Certification in the Diocese of Arlington.

Renewal:

- Master Catechist Certification must be renewed every three years with an additional 10 hours of verified study in one area of specialty (see Specialized Catechist Certification above).

