



## THE PATH OF FORMATION

### Basic Certification

Online | Catechist Certificate Catholic School (CS) Teachers Track

### Diocese of Orange Catechist Certificate for Catholic School Teachers

The mission of catechists is to “exemplify the manner in which we cooperate with God’s grace to ensure the growth of faith and remind us that it is God who causes the growth” [NDC, p. 217]. The catechist “is God’s instrument in the mission to ‘make disciples of all nations’” [NDC, p. 243]. Within Catholic schools “the distinctive Catholic identity and mission...depend on the efforts and example of the whole faculty” [NDC, p. 233]. “All the members of the faculty, at least by their example, are an integral part of the process of religious education” [NDC, p. 233].

### Catechetical Institute: Franciscan University Catholic School Track

This series of workshops is aimed at assisting elementary and high school teachers and administrators in their knowledge of and ability to pass on the Catholic faith to students and their families. This track is designed to serve the *real-world needs of teachers* in a three-fold manner by: 1) addressing practical and methodological classroom issues stemming from modern family and culture contexts, 2) assessing ways to handle common doubts and questions of children and teens, and 3) exploring how a classroom experience can be not only mind-growing, but truly soul-forming. Actual classroom lesson plans that incorporate different educational and catechetical techniques are illustrated. Workshops will also introduce the concept of *incarnational dynamism* in classroom teaching. This consists in drawing the student to the Person of Jesus Christ, (who is the content of all catechesis) through the use of contemporary and ancient sacred art, Christian and secular forms of music, popular and classical literature, film, and age-appropriate classroom activities. The aim in this track is for teachers to effectively witness to the Catholic faith in a manner that will *authentically* engage students and foster *genuine* evangelization.

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# Catechist Certificate Catholic School (CS) Teachers Track

CS Track for Catholic Schools faculty and staff (ONLY).

## MISSION

1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person
3. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan

## DOCTRINE

4. An Introduction to Objective Truth
5. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
6. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
7. Essential Link Between Liturgy and Catechesis

## METHODS

8. The Vocation of the Catechist
9. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
10. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
11. Conversion in Modern Culture
12. Preventive System of St. John Bosco

**ELECTIVES 13. & 14.** Must choose **two** additional elective workshops of your choice. Once enrolled you can view and select from a variety of options.

\*The completion of the entire CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (CS) TRACK - 14 workshops total (12 required PLUS 2 electives from CS Track) from Catechetical Institute (CI)– Franciscan University will complete second step of 3 step process to attain basic certification certificate from the Diocese of Orange. Please visit our website to attain details of the entire basic certification requirements of Lumen Retreat, Formation Courses & submission of application.

## BASIC CERTIFICATION STEPS

- 1) LUMEN RETREAT (In-Person)
- 2) CATECHIST CERTIFICATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL (CS) TEACHERS TRACK
- 3) BASIC CERTIFICATION APPLICATION SUBMISSION



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