

# Catechist Certification

## ***Echoes of Faith (Plus) Initial Certification***

*All Classes will be held in meeting room 7:00 pm—8:30pm*

[September 13, 2016](#) - Introduction to class

[October 11, 2016](#)

### ***Getting Started as a Catechist***

Viewers observe real catechists in action in settings around the country.

### ***The Person of the Catechist***

Experts lead a reflective seminar on the vocation and qualities of the catechist and explore avenues for future growth.

[November 8, 2016](#)

### ***Roles of the Catechist***

After observing three seasoned catechists in their settings, viewers use the booklet process to explore more fully the roles catechists play.

### ***Catholic Morality***

Provides the learner with a basic understanding of the principles of a Catholic approach to Christian morality, including the moral decision-making process.

[December 13, 2016](#)

### ***Introduction in the Learner***

This broad module explores the varied dimensions of the learners - their human, moral, and faith development. It shows the role these developmental factors play in the Christian journey toward discipleship and stewardship of God's world.

### ***Methods***

Four Practical Modules covering 2 grades each that demonstrate methods, techniques and strategies for growing in faith. Each module demonstrates effective strategies for teaching at the various grade levels and includes a two-hour learning design.

[January 10, 2017](#)

### ***Introduction to Scriptures***

Emphasizes the Scriptures as the Word of God in human language. Provides an orientation to the Scriptures.

### ***I Believe/We Believe***

Explores the central creedal statements of the Catholic community. Helps the learner to better understand the key doctrines articulated in the Creed.

[February 7, 2017](#)

### ***Prayer and Spirituality***

Help the learner develop and expand the contours of prayer in his or her life.

### ***Liturgy and Sacraments***

Helps the learner to understand the role of liturgy, ritual, and the sacraments in the life of the Church. Special attention is given to the Sacraments of Initiation and the primacy of Eucharist in Catholic worship

## **St. Gregory's Adult Faith Enrichment: Intermediate Certification**

*March 7, 2017*

### **History of the Church and Theology I**

A survey of the great Councils of the Church and the major theological issues involved at each.

### **History of the Church and Theology II**

This course will concentrate on the Church during the years leading up to, during and after the Second Vatican Council, and will include a survey of the conciliar and postconciliar papal documents.

*April 11, 2017*

### **Understanding the Old Testament**

This course will provide an overview of the Old Testament, salvation history as presented in the Old Testament, and other important themes surrounding the history of the People of God.

### **Exploring the New Testament**

Providing an overview of the New Testament, this course will discuss how we come to know Jesus of Nazareth as Son of God and Messiah. The course will touch briefly on the formation of the New Testament and will reflect on questions confronted by the early church as found in the New Testament.

*May 9, 2017*

### **Theology of the Church**

A presentation of basic ecclesiology, this course will focus on the model of the Church and the universal call to holiness expressed in the theology of Vatican II.

### **Catholic Social Teaching and Ministry**

An outline of the scriptural basis and Catholic Social Teachings which are the foundations for Parish Social Ministry.