

THE 48-HOUR BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION CLASS will begin on June 29, 2011 and end on August 27, 2011. Catechists needing certification and others who are interested in becoming a catechist (or anyone who wish to learn more about the new Catechism of the Church are encourage to attend). The class will be held at Room A/B of the Catechetical Center on Wednesdays, 6-9 PM and some Saturdays from 8 AM to 1 PM. The Master Catechists who will team-teach the course are Rowena Lewis (619)662-1739 and Deacon Sam Martinez (619)429-3580.

For registration or information, please call our Catechetical Center Office at (619) 575-2240. Our Summer Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00am -12:30pm & 1:00-5:00pm;

BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE

The Basic Catechist Formation Course (BCFC) is a 48-hour course intended to equip beginning Catechists, or those needing renewal in contemporary catechetics, with sufficient background and skill to begin teaching. The course incorporates the essential elements of message, prayer, community and service and provides an integrated program of doctrinal reflection, catechetical process, religious development and creative teaching methods for children through adults. Upon successful completion of the BCFC, catechists receive California Basic Catechist Certification. The Basic Catechist Formation Course presents an overview of Catholic doctrine using an approach which develops an appreciation for the integral relationship of life experience, doctrine and response in faith. The course of studies is consistent with the General Catechetical Directory, the National Catechetical Directory and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Diocesan catechist formation programs are in accord with the California Guidelines which state that “catechists should acquire the particular knowledge and skills that they need to assist adults, young people, and children, including those with special needs, to grow in faith.”

Policy 230: All active catechists and teachers of religion shall be certified or in the process of certification through the California Catechist Certification programs offered by the diocese. All certification is issued for three years, renewable.