

CALLED TO ECHO THE GOOD NEWS

Catechist Formation Day

August 3, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Holy Family, Grand Blanc &
St. Martha, Okemos

August 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Ctr

This one-day event is offered in three separate locations. Each location will offer the same workshops/retreats from Catechist Formation.

SCHEDULE

		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
8:30 am	Check-in			
9:00-10:45 am		Kerygma Encounter	Ecclesial Method	Vocation of the Catechist
10:45-11:00 am	Break			
11:00-12:45 pm				Jesus: Christocentricity of Catechesis
12:45-1:30 pm	Lunch			
1:30-3:15 pm				Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

Bring your Bible & Catechism of the Catholic Church

See back of sheet for course description

COST and REGISTRATION:

\$35 - Kerygma Encounter or Ecclesial Method

\$15 - Per individual workshop

\$10 - Lunch

Register at:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/eabfcfc36b406abbc907f11a80348a>

QUESTIONS?

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Course Descriptions

Option 1:

Kerygma Encounter

All day retreat; this is the first step in Catechist Formation 9:00 – 3:30

Kerygma Encounter is a day spent with our loving God; Father, Son, and Spirit, going deep into the heart of the saving promise of God, fulfilled in the Gospel of Jesus.

The day is spent in quiet listening, and gentle rejoicing: listening to the essential Gospel proclaimed in brief talks, listening to the Lord speak directly to you throughout the day's many silent prayer times, including Eucharistic Adoration, sharing joy with each other in opportunities for quiet conversation. All of this infused and enlivened with the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

Kerygma Encounter is so essential and so transformational, the Diocese has placed it at the forefront-- the first or next step-- of several lay ministry formation programs, including Catechist Formation. If you haven't experienced Kerygma Encounter yet, this is the very next step (or the very first step!) on your path to Catechist certification!

We are deeply grateful to God for calling you into deeper union with Him through catechetical ministry. We're humbled and privileged to participate in your growth in this personal and catechetical work by sharing the Kerygma with you in this ever-new/ever-ancient way.

Option 2:

Ecclesial Method

All day workshop 9:00 – 3:15

Every good catechist seeks in some organized fashion to give growth to the seed of faith, to nourish hope, and to develop a deeper desire to love God and neighbor. In this introductory catechetical (teaching) workshop you will learn a way of planning and teaching that will enable you to successfully share your faith with your students. You will experience how to prepare yourself, your students, and your classroom for effective catechesis. We will explore the practical steps of lesson planning within a method that will help you achieve your goals as a catechist and have an opportunity to do some planning for the upcoming year. Please bring your teacher's edition text, a

Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A laptop or tablet is optional.

Option 3:

Choose Session 1, 2, or all 3 workshops as follow up to experiencing Kerygma Encounter Retreat.

Session 1 – Vocation of the Catechist

9:00 – 10:45

This workshop explores the most critical element in the graced work of passing on the faith – *you*. Because the content of the faith is a *Person* – the Person of Christ – the *person* of the catechist is pivotal for success. "... every catechist must constantly endeavor to transmit by his teaching and behavior the teaching and life of Jesus" (CT 6). This foundational workshop offers inspiration, insight, and guidance to encourage catechists as they strive to live out their privileged vocation. This is a great workshop for those discerning becoming a catechist or those just beginning.

Session 2 - Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis

11:00 – 12:45

"Mother Church insists that catechesis that truly evangelizes hearts, and that meets souls in the place of greatest need, must be unshakably centered upon Him who is our beginning and our end – Jesus Christ. We teach Jesus, and *everything* we teach, we teach in reference to Him, thus teaching *Christo*-centrically. Come explore how to unfold the life-giving truths of our faith with Jesus placed clearly at the center of all things: our teaching content, our teaching methods, and our own personal witness to others whom God has called us to love."

Session 3 - Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

1:30 – 3:15

This workshop will introduce participants to biblical catechesis through an ancient catechetical technique: the use of *the Story of the Bible*. The most important historical events of the Bible can be briefly described in one Story, connected by one common theme: *union with God*. Often in a catechetical setting we fall into the habit of teaching individual topics without reference to the greater context of salvation history. Everything that the Church teaches, her doctrines, disciplines, worship, and morality *makes sense* when delivered within the context of this story. Come hear how to tell the story in various settings and practice doing so.