

FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What is the Continuing Catechetical Formation (CCF) Program?

Since 2010, the CCF provides formation and education for catechists to obtain their Master Catechist Certificate. Through this program catechists will be formed in the areas of Christian Identity/Ministry, Sacred Scripture, Theology, Personal and Spiritual Maturity, and Catechetical Methodology Skills that enable them to provide effective catechesis.

2. Why the Continuing Catechetical Formation Program will be ended?

Because the Diocese of Dallas and the School of Ministry of the University of Dallas has created a new program, the *Certificate in Pastoral Ministry* that will provide the faith formation for all the different ministries of the Diocese including the catechetical.

3. What is the Certificate of Pastoral Ministry program (CPM)?

The CPM is an adult continue education program designed in cooperation with the Diocese of Dallas to meet the formation needs of a variety of parish level ministers and to enable personal enrichment to adults seeking to enhance their personal faith life. While the program is principally designed for active parishioners and volunteer ministers, it may also be of value to professional ministers who do not have or are unable to pursue an academic degree in ministry. The CPM courses are offered in several convenient locations across the Diocese of Dallas and typically meet once a week for two hours in five-week segments.

4. Who should I contact if I have more questions about CPM?

Contact Melissa Hernandez, Coordinator of Continuing Education at 972-721-4118 or mahernandez@udallas.edu

5. How do I register for CPM courses?

Go to https://udallas.edu/ministry/academics/continuinged/register_continuinged.php

6. If I take CPM courses, how can I get a copy of my records?

The School of Ministry will keep track of all the CPM courses that you take, and will give you a copy upon request.

PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADERS

7. How the parish catechetical leaders (PCLs) will get their leadership formation?

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is the path for PCLs to gain their leadership formation. The Certificate in Leadership Formation Program (CLFP) is not available any more.

8. How do PCLs who have not yet completed their leadership formation, but took courses from the CLFP will complete their leadership formation?

Please write at bmartinez@cathdal.org
See chart

9. How do PCLs who have not yet completed their leadership formation, but have taken courses from the Virtual Learning Faith Formation (VLCFF), will complete their leadership formation?

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10. How do PCLs who have not yet completed their leadership formation, but have taken CLFP and VLCFF courses, will complete their leadership formation?

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CATECHISTS

11. I am new catechist, how can I get my faith formation?

If you are a new catechist, we recommend you to start taking courses from the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (CPM).

12. I am a catechist and I have not yet taken any course, how can I get my faith formation?

We recommend you to start taking courses from the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (CPM).

13. I am a catechist and I have taken a couple of CCF courses, how can I complete my Master Catechist Certificate?

We recommend you to continue your faith formation through the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (CPM).

14. I am a catechist and I got the Master Catechist Certificate, how can I get the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (CPM)?

If you already got your Master Catechist Certificate you don't need to get a CPM, however, if you are interested on some of the CPM courses, you can register on the link below.

https://udallas.edu/ministry/academics/continuing/pastoralministry_certificate/course-schedule-english.php and register

15. I have taken courses from the following programs: CCF, VLCFF, Echoes of Faith online courses, but I have not yet completed my Master Catechist Certificate, are these courses could be counted towards the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (CPM)?

It will rely on the courses that you have taken; you can complete your certification through either CCF Program or CPM. For more information, please contact Sr. Beatriz Martinez, SSND at bmartinez@cathdal.org

16. I need less than ten courses to complete my Master Catechist Certificate, what do I need to do?

In this case we can review which courses are needed to complete your Master Catechist Certificate so a plan can be created to help you complete your Certification, please talk with your parish catechetical leader about it and look at the diocesan calendar to register for the courses that you need.