



## Diocese of Ogdensburg: Growth in Faith (GIF) Certification Parish Catechist and Catechetical Leader

**Purpose:** The Growth in Faith Certification Program provides content area workshops including, methodology and spiritual formation for parish catechists and catechetical leaders in support of their call to know their faith, live their faith and hand it on to others. Workshops are offered through a partnership with The Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University at Steubenville.

### Paths to Diocesan Certification as Parish Catechist

1. Completion of the Formation For Ministry Program with the Faith Formation workshops and active participation in LEAD.

**OR**

2. Completion of the following foundational workshops through The Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University at Steubenville leading to a **Certificate of Recognition**
  - a. The Vocation of The Catechist
  - b. Child Methodologies and Learning Styles **OR** Child Catechetical Methodologies and Learning Styles: Going Deeper
  - c. The Human Person
  - d. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

**AND**

Completion of the following Level 1 workshops through Franciscan University Catechetical Institute and active participation in LEAD leading to a **diocesan certification as a Parish Catechist**

- a. The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction To The Catechism
- b. Prayer: Introduction To The Spiritual Life of The Catechist
- c. Introducing The Liturgy To Children
- d. Our Life In Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality
- e. The Principle of Sacramentality
- f. Catholic Social Teaching
- g. The Importance of Evangelization in Faith Formation Programs

**Paths to Diocesan Certification as Parish Catechetical Leader**

1. Completion of the Formation For Ministry Program with the Faith Formation workshops, completion of Level 2 workshops listed below and active participation in LEAD.

**OR**

2. Diocesan certification as a Parish Catechist and completion of the following **LEVEL 2** workshops through The Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University at Steubenville and active participation in LEAD

- a. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
- b. The Family As The Context of Catechesis
- c. Recruiting, Training and Forming Catechists 1
- d. Religious Education Material Evaluation and Selection
- e. Planning For Success: Program Organization and Assessment