These retreats and skill building workshops offer new and experienced Catechists the opportunity to grow spiritually, develop knowledge of Catholic faith and practice, earn certification credits, and gain a better understanding of the nature and goals of catechesis. Learn more about:

- Connecting faith and life
- Deepening prayer practices
- Modeling Christian virtues
- Seeing the world sacramentally
- Spiritual development stages
- Learning styles
- Cultural diversity
- Lesson planning
- Learning environments
- Classroom management
- Facilitator skills
- Service and witness

All sessions will be held in the Conference Center at the Diocese of Grand Rapids (360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.) For more information contact Irene Strom at 616-459-7267 ext. 1801 or Tammy Graves at 616-288-0912.

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**1 Saturday, January 11, 2020  8:30am–3pm**

**DAY ONE**

**The Creed – Faith Held**

**Retreat**
- 8:15am  Check-In and Hospitality
- 8:30-9:00am  Welcome and Prayer
- 9-11:45am
  - Session 1: God Gives Life...Faith is our Response
    - Session begins with Gospel reflection, prayer and sharing.
  - Session 2: Faith, the Window Through Which I Interpret Life
- 11:45am-12:15pm Lunch

**Workshops**
- 12:15-1:30pm  Session 3: Skill Development
  - (Breakout groups for those who teach K-6, Middle/High School & Adults.)
  - Spiritual development
  - Learning styles
  - Cultural diversity
- 1:45-2:45pm  Session 4: Application to Lesson Planning
  - Apply what was learned about spiritual development & learning styles to a provided lesson plan.
  - Work together in groups and whole group sharing.
- 2:45-3:00pm  Closing Prayer

**Cost:** $40.00 (Includes lunch and materials.)

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**2 Saturday, February 29, 2020  8:30am–3pm**

**DAY TWO**

**Mass/Sacraments – Faith Celebrated**

**Retreat**
- 8:15am  Check-In and Hospitality
- 8:30-9:00am  Welcome and Prayer
- 9-11:45am
  - Session 1: Seeing the World Sacramentally
    - Session begins with Gospel reflection, prayer and sharing.
  - Session 2: Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Faith
- 11:45am-12:15pm Lunch

**Workshops**
- 12:15-1:30pm  Session 3: Skill Development
  - (Breakout groups for those who teach K-6, Middle/High School & Adults.)
  - Encounter, grow, witness: What does it mean?
  - How to prepare prayerful and inviting learning environments (including Safe Environment guidelines.)
  - How to prepare a lesson plan.
  - Choosing learning activities that support lesson plans.
- 1:45-2:45pm  Session 4: Application to Lesson Planning
  - Groups will discuss environment, lesson planning and learning activities and develop what they would do for preparation and process.
- 2:45-3:00pm  Closing Prayer

**Cost:** $40.00 (Includes lunch and materials.)
Catechist Certification Information:

New and experienced Catechists who are NOT certified:
- Attending one day: Achieve Basic Level 1 certification
- Attending two days: Achieve Basic Level 2 certification
- Attending three days: Achieve Basic Level 3 certification

Certified Catechists will receive the following CFDs for each day attended:
- 2 hours to Theology
- 2 hours to Methods
- 1 hour to Spirituality

Saturday, May 30, 2020  8:30am-3pm
DAY THREE

Discipleship - Faith Lived

Retreat
- 8:15am  Check-In and Hospitality
- 8:30-9:00am  Welcome and Prayer
- 9-11:45am  
  Session 1: Sharing in God’s Life  
  Session begins with Gospel reflection, prayer and sharing.
  Session 2: Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel of Christ
- Lunch 11:45am-12:15pm

Workshops
- 12:15-1:30pm  Session 3: Skills Development  
  (Breakout groups for those who teach K-6, Middle/High School & Adults.)
  - Developing plans and ideas for service/witness.
  - What is the difference between service and witness?
  - Becoming a reflective teacher.
  - Intersection of life and faith.
- 1:45-2:45pm  Session 4: Application to Lesson Planning
  - Planning service/witness activities.
  - Group will plan a service/witness activity.
  - Classroom management/facilitator skills.
  - Using provided scenarios, groups will discuss how to respond to challenging situations in classrooms & groups,
- 2:45-3:00pm  Closing Prayer

Cost: $40.00 (Includes lunch and materials.)

Yes! I want to register for the Catechist Retreats & Skill Building Workshops

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ______ Phone ______
Email __________________
Parish __________________
Position __________________

How long have you been a Catechist? (check one)
☐ 1 year or less  ☐ 2-4 years  ☐ 4 years plus

Registration Deadline: December 21, 2019

Registration:
☐ Attending all three days - $120.00
☐ Attending individual days - $40.00
  Please select your session(s):  ☐ January 11, 2020  ☐ February 29, 2020  ☐ May 30, 2020
☐ Lunch Options: (check one)
  ☐ Regular  ☐ Gluten Free  ☐ Vegetarian

Payment Options:
☐ Check Enclosed: Please make checks payable to:
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