



Office of the Bishop

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Dear Pastors and Catholic School Principals:

The catechetical certification process in our diocese is one that ensures the readiness and formation of catechists and catholic school religion teachers through the Basic Catechetical Formation Certification Course. It is a common task that we, as agents share in the mission to evangelize and catechize in the life of the parish, family and our Catholic schools.

It is our diocesan responsibility to form, certify and commission all those called to the ministry of catechesis. As such, I ask for your support in the following ways: 1) encourage the proper catechetical formation of anyone called to the ministry of catechesis, especially those already involved in parish catechetical programs and catholic school religion teachers, and 2) support in subsidizing a portion of the cost of the course or the entire cost whenever possible. Should the situation not allow for any assistance on behalf of the parish or school, then the Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry would offer scholarships for those needing financial assistance.

It is my hope that you will prayerfully consider ways to make catechetical certification a pastoral priority in your communities. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry and the Office for Schools for their assistance in discerning the path forward to certifying your catechists and Catholic school teachers.

For your assistance, below is their contact information:

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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