



**MINISTRY FORMATION CENTER**  
Office of Religious Education  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles



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**CATECHIST RECERTIFICATION**

In accordance with the Guidelines for the Formation and Certification of Catechists as approved by the Bishops of the California Catholic Conference and the Directors of Religious Education and Superintendents of Schools of the (Arch)dioceses of the State of California (revised 1996), to promote and standardize the competence of catechetical programs under their jurisdiction.

Certification expires at the end of three years from the date of issue. Catechists may earn renewal of certification by:

1. Repeating the Theology Phase at a Ministry Formation Center
2. Participating in an additional 30 hours of courses and workshops (RE Congress, Regional Congresses, Parish Programs facilitated by a Master Catechist, etc.) selected from the following topics as they relate to the catechetical ministry:
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Doctrine
  - c. Morality
  - d. Sacraments/Liturgy
  - e. Church (Ecclesiology)
  - f. Psychology
  - g. Pedagogy
  - h. Classroom Skills

The reverse side of this form is to be used by persons seeking renewal of certification under the terms of # 2 above.

**What workshops/courses can be counted toward renewal of certification?**

The annual Religious Education Congress and the Regional Congresses offer many workshops for renewal. They appear in their respective booklets. The catechist is encouraged to count for recertification only those workshops that correspond to the areas mentioned in # 2 above.

In addition, each year the staff at the Office of Religious Education sponsors and/or conducts workshops throughout the Archdiocese that are approved for renewal of certification.

Adult education/formation programs sponsored by Archdiocesan offices and held throughout the Archdiocese may also count toward recertification.

Local colleges and universities offer special programs, particularly throughout the summer, that may be acceptable by the Office of Religious Education for renewal of certification.

