

2011 Registration Form

(Or go on line at www.dcgary.org Click On line Event Registration Office of Religious Education)

Name: _____ Parish _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to: Office of Religious Education: 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, Indiana 46410

No.	Course ID	Title	Site	Date	Fee	Total
	F11-A	Catechist Retreat	Carmelite Shrine	Sept. 18	\$20.00 with dinner	
	F11-H	Sacramental Basics	St. Joseph, Dyer	Sept. 29	\$15.00	
	F11-I	Elementary Methods I	St. James the Less Highland	Oct. 8	\$20.00 with lunch	
	F11-O	Introduction to the New Roman Missal	St. Thomas Aquinas, Knox	Oct. 1	\$15.00	
	F11-K	Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation	Holy Spirit Winfield	Oct. 20	\$10.00 with lunch	
	F11-L	Peace and Justice For Grownups	Sacred Heart La Porte	Oct. 27	\$15.00	
	F11-M	Introduction to the New Roman Missal	St. Joseph School La Porte	Nov. 8	\$15.00	
	F11-N	Introduction to Christian Morality	St. John Bosco, Hammond	Nov. 3 & 10	\$15.00	

Note: Sessions F11-B, F11-C, F11-D, F11-E and F11-F are part of the Diocesan Ministry Congress to be held October 15th and require separate registration on line at www.dcgary.org Click on *Invite, Belong, Engage: Finding Home in the Parish* for complete registration information.

F11-G – *Change our Hearts Lord*, page 3 require separate registration. (call 219-374-7160 to register)

Understanding the Mass and Themes of Catholic Social Teaching on page 5 require separate registrations see Emmaus program at www.dcgary.org or call 219-769-9292 ext. 280 to register.

_____ **Total Sessions**

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Checks payable to: Diocese of Gary

(Mail to: Office of Religious Education, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410)

Questions? 219-769-9292 ext. 230 or e-mail: fzolvins@dcgary.org.

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Catechist Formation Fall 2011

Registration Procedures

1. Payment must accompany registration. If this is a group registration, please forward your individual registration to your toparishDRE/CRE. The DRE/CRE collates the forms and includes one check as payment.
2. Use a separate form for each individual registration.
3. All courses are identified with a course number. If you have any questions when you complete your registration form, please call 769-9292 ext. 230.
4. Include your day and evening telephone number on the registration form.
5. All checks should be payable to the **Diocese of Gary** and must accompany the registration form.
- 6 Registrations **deadlines:**

<u>Session No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Session Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
F11-A	Catechist Retreat	Sept. 18	Sept. 12
F11-H	Sacramental Basics	Sept. 29	Sept. 22
F11-I	Elementary Methods I	Oct. 1	Sept 24
F11-K	Envisioning the Future. . .	Oct. 20	Oct. 13
F11-L	Peace and Justice – Grownups	Oct. 27	Oct. 20
F11-M	The New Roman Missal	Nov. 8	Nov. 1
F11-N	Catholic Morality	Nov. 3-10	Oct. 27
F11-O	The New Roman Missal	Oct. 1	Sept. 24

A \$5.00 per person late fee will be assessed after
Each deadline

1. **There will be no confirmation of enrollment issued.** If you arrive at a course for which you have previously enrolled but your name is not on the class list, please complete a registration on site.
2. If a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment or other circumstances, you will be contacted. You may then choose to enroll in another course.
3. Scholarships are available. DRE's should contact the Office of Religious Education for approval.

Send registration & checks to: For more information, call:

Office of Religious Education Frank J. Zolvinski
9292 Broadway (219) 769-9292 Ext. 230
Merrillville, IN 46410 email: fzolvins@dcgary.org
Fax: 219-738-9034

PLEASE REMEMBER

**Use one form per participant
Try to use one check per Parish
Make check payable to DIOCESE OF GARY
MAIL EARLY!**

To register go on line at **www.dcgary.org** and click On Line Event Registration Office of Religious Education and pay at the door.

(Or download this form and mail in.)

Step 1: Tell us about yourself

Please print clearly or type. Keep a photocopy of this form for your records. Only one fully registered participant per form. You may photocopy the form for additional registrants.

Step 2: Indicate course selection and payment plan

Please place an "X" in the box of the course for which you are registering and the dollar amount (Note: Sessions F11-B,C,D,E,F require separate on line registration for the Diocesan Ministry Congress) F11-G and Emmaus sessions on pages 3 and 5 also require a separate registration. See those courses for registration directions.

Step 3: Add up the total number of courses you wish to take and the dollar amount

Step 4: Make checks payable to "Diocese of Gary" (or pay at the door if registering on line)

**Step 5: Send registration form to: Office of Religious Education,
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Merrillville, IN 46410**

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Standards for Catechetical Excellence

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and so it is time to extend our invitation to all our DRE/ CREs, youth ministers, catechists, aides and anyone involved in religious education and youth ministry in our parishes to join us for our fall 2011 **Catechist Formation Program**. Well formed catechists are crucial for an effective faith formation program, so this year we are offering some quality programs to assist you in developing your skills as an excellent and certified catechist.

Its been two years since we revamped our catechist certification program making it easier and more affordable for a new catechist to become certified. Our new policy requires every new catechist to become certified within a three year period. A **Basic Certificate** can be earned by taking 28 hours of skill formation within three years. Veteran catechists may earn a **Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation** for every 24 hours of ongoing education. The requirements for these new certifications are available from your parish Director of Religious Education so ask your parish DRE for details or contact my office for more information. (219-769-9292 ext. 230) Since we started our new certification program, over 60 catechists have earned their certification. That number continues to grow each year. I challenge you not to be left behind.

This October 14-15 we are planning our second Diocesan Ministry Congress entitled: *"Invite, Engage, Belong: Finding Home in the Parish"* It will feature noted speakers, Dr. Richard Gaillardetz and Fr. John Cusick along with a variety of workshops for catechists, DREs and anyone else involved in parish ministry. (A separate registration is required for this event other than this form) This Congress will take the place at St. Thomas More in Munster. You won't want to miss this event so go to www.ministrycongress.org for more information and to register.

We will continue to offer *The Emmaus Program* which is a series of Theology courses began last year. This program is ideal for veteran catechists, or any lay person interested in growing more deeply in their faith. The courses will be two hours in length for four weeks at various parish locations around the diocese and taught by qualified, credentialed instructors. The courses are listed on page 5 and a separate registration is involved. Contact Anne Verbeke for registration details at 219-769-9292 ext. 280

Back by popular demand is our sixth catechist retreat at the beautiful Carmelite Shrine in Munster, IN. This event went over so well last year that the North Lake DRE cluster wants to continue the tradition. Our presenter is Fr. Kevin Scalf, C.P.P.S. who is a well know speaker on scripture and the Bible. His retreat theme is: *"Do This In Memory of Me."* We will conclude with a catechist blessing prayer and our traditional banquet. Remember space is limited so we will only accept the first 100 catechists to register.

Finally, our Spring **Catechetical/Liturgical Day** is scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2012 at St. Paul's Parish in Valparaiso, IN. This year's program will include a special emphasis on parent involvement in the faith formation process. There will also be a track for music ministers in the Diocese with a review on how the new Roman Missal is being implemented and received in our parishes and ministry. All these programs are offered in the hope of improving your skills and to earn your catechist certification.

Two years ago our Diocese has adopted *Standards for Excellence* which challenge us to provide the very best practices in parish ministry. Our goal is to assist you to become a more excellent catechist to the children you teach and the parish you serve. In that same spirit let us remember that you play a critical role in that ongoing faith tradition. Thank you and God's blessings for serving the Diocese of Gary in your parish's faith formation ministry.

Pax Christi,

Frank J. Zolvinski

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Director of Religious Education

Catechist Retreat

Catechist Retreat – “Do This in Memory of Me”

Back by popular demand we will offer another retreat afternoon of reflection. Our presenter is none other than Fr. Kevin Scalf, C.P.P.S, popular speaker and scripture scholar. The retreat will focus on this year's catechetical theme: “*Do This in Memory of Me*” and will focus us on how are lives and ministry are fed and nourished by the blessed Eucharist. Using sacred scripture, Fr. Kevin will help participants reflect on their role as catechists examine how they experience God's presence in the world and then use that experience to better proclaim the Gospel message. The afternoon will conclude with a catechist blessing and our traditional banquet. This retreat will be held on the beautiful grounds of the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, IN. It is ideal for first time or veteran catechists who want to grow closer to the Lord and each other. **(This retreat is limited to the first 100 persons who register.)** (Unit Hours: 5 - May be applied toward a Basic Catechist Certificate or Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2011
Site: Banquet Room, Carmelite Shrine
 Munster, IN

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Kevin Scalf, C.P.P.S.
Session ID: F11-A

Diocesan Ministry Congress

This year the Diocese of Gary will offer it's second Ministry Congress. This year's theme is, *Invite, Belong, Engage: Finding a Home in the Parish* and it will feature Fr. John Cusick and Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz as the keynote speakers. Both men are dynamic speakers, visionaries, authors and in tune with the times. The congress will offer five catechetical workshops that can be applied toward a Basic Certificate or Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation. These workshops are listed below. The Congress will take place on October 14 and 15 at St. Thomas More Parish in Munster. Registration for the congress and workshops will take place on line or by a separate form. Visit the diocesan web site for details and to register at: www.ministrycongress.org. You may also call 219-769-9292 ext. 234 to register.

After the Sign of the Cross, Then What? (Creative Lesson Planning)

You're a first time catechist and need extra help planning your lesson. You been given a huge teacher's manual to navigate as you try to provide a positive educational experience for your students. You only have an hour for class and you have so many options to choose from. Where do you begin? In this session you will learn some rudimentary tips for creating a lesson plan that will engage the students and make you a more effective manager of your time, content and student behavior. Ideal for first time or veteran catechists. Unit hours: 2 (May be applied toward a Basic Catechist Certificate)

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Site: St. Thomas More Church
 Munster IN

Time: 10:45 a.m.
Presenter: Pat Hoffman
Session ID: F11-B

Welcome to the Jungle (Classroom Management)

Every catechist knows the feeling of a class being out of control or up for grabs. Our best efforts at lesson planning and creative learning experiences seem to fail. Regaining control may not be as difficult as you think if you use a few tried and true techniques. In this session you will learn the secrets to successful management of student behavior and how to create a climate for successful learning. Ideal for first time or veteran catechists. Unit hours: 2 (May be applied toward a Basic Catechist Certificate)

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Site: St. Thomas More Church
 Munster, IN

Time: 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Tom Puplava
Session ID: F11-C

The Real World of Autism

As catechists and teachers we are sometimes challenged to meet all the needs of our students. Participants in this session will learn about the common traits and characteristics of autism. You will also learn some new

classroom strategies to structure your classroom learning environment to better meet the needs of these special students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Unit hours: 2 (May be applied toward a Basic Certificate or a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Site: St. Thomas More Church
 Munster, IN

Time: 10:45 a.m.
Presenter: Sharon Huseman & Jean Campbell
Session ID: F11-D

Partnering with Parents: Making a Difference in a “godless” World

The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children. While often cited, this passage is widely ignored by the parish and school community. Recent research makes clear that unless parents are actively engaged in the catechetical process, we have little hope of being successful in our religious education efforts. This session will examine the important role that parents play in faith formation of their children. Unit Hours: 2 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Site: St. Thomas More Church
 Munster, IN

Time: 10:45 a.m.
Presenter: Mr. Daniel S. Mulhall
Session ID: F11-E

Chastity Education: Making a Difference in the Lives of Parents and their Children.

Although chastity education is a part of most diocesan catechetical guidelines, it has long been neglected at the parish level. This workshop will look at the importance of chastity education through the lens of the 2007 USCCB document on Chaste Living, examine why chastity education is needed today more than ever before, and explore how chastity education can be made a part of the catechetical curriculum.

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Site: St. Thomas More Church
 Munster, IN

Time: 1:00 p. m.
Presenter: Mr. Daniel S. Mulhall
Session ID: F11-F

South Lake Sites

Change Our Hearts, Lord!

The transition to the Third Edition of the Roman Missal is a change that can lead us into a deeper experience of our Catholic Faith. The community of Holy Name Church will host a Fall Ministry Formation Workshop that explores this opportunity through music, scripture, history, liturgy and the quest for social justice. This workshop will be offered three times this fall. There is no registration fee but a free will offering of \$10.00 is requested to help cover the cost of lunch. Unit Hours: 5 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation) Register on line at: www.holynamedarlarke.com or call 219-374-7160.

Dates: Saturday, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, 2011
Site: Holy Name Church
 Cedar Lake, IN
 (219) 374-7160 or Email: maustgen9092@att.net

Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Presenters: Fr. Ed Tlucek, Nan Onest
 Cindy Foreman, Mercedes Austgen
Session ID: F11-G (Aug., Sept., Oct.)

Sacramental Basics

You might be a brand new catechist or a 30 year veteran teaching First Communion, First Penance or Confirmation. If so, this session is for you! Come and explore what is required of you to teach these important sacrament preparation classes faithfully. We'll unpack the new Diocese of Gary Guidelines for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist and First Penance and explain how they affect what you need to know to teach these sacraments in accordance with diocesan policies and Catholic Church teachings. A must for every sacrament catechist. Unit Hours: 2 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011
Site: St. Joseph Church
 Dyer, IN

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Presenter: Mr. Frank J. Zolviski
Session ID: F11-H

Elementary Methods I

This session will provide the participant with an opportunity to learn about the role of the catechist, classroom management, child development and readiness for religion. It will also include lesson planning at the elementary level. Practical suggestions and creative ideas will be presented to help you achieve your full potential as a teacher of religion. A 'must' session for new catechists. Unit hours: 6 (May be applied toward A Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation) Lunch will be included with this session.

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2011
Site: St. James the Less Church
 Highland, IN

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Presenter: Monica Drzewiecki
Session ID: F11-J

Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation in Your Parish

How will parish faith formation flourish in the next ten years? Explore the driving forces influencing faith formation and the diversity of spiritual and religious needs of people and communities today. Participants will be offered a variety of practical strategies, ideas, innovations and resources for targeting the spiritual and religious needs of our parishioners. An excellent session for parish DREs, pastors and parish leadership. Unit Hours: 6 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation) Lunch is included.

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2011
Site: Holy Spirit Church
 Winfield Township

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Presenter: John Roberto
Session ID: F11-K

La Porte Site

Peace and Justice Isn't Just For Grown-ups!

This session will explore the principles of Catholic Social Teaching summed up in Micah 6:8 and Isaiah. If you want peace we must work for justice. These principles are an essential part of Catholic education and formation. This workshop will introduce some tools and methods to incorporate these principles into the religious education classroom. Children of all ages can be led to understand that we are all part of the People of God; all part of God's family, and we must share the earth with everyone, helping God care for it and all other people—our family. Unit Hours: 2 (May be applied to a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011
Site: Sacred Heart Church
 La Porte, IN

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m..
Presenter: Madelon Albert
Session ID: F11 - L

"And with your Spirit" . . .Bringing the New Roman Missal Alive for Our Families

There has been much discussion and anticipation among adults over the use of the New Roman Missal at Mass starting the first Sunday of Advent in 2011, but what do these changes mean for the worship life and faith development of our children? The first half of this session will explore the changes in the liturgy for the congregation as a whole. The second half will be devoted to how catechists, parents and other interested adults can help children understand these changes right now and over time. Unit hours: 2 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation.)

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Site: Joseph School
 La Porte, IN

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Presenters: Stacia Bolakowski
 Deacon Dale Walsh
Session ID: F11 - M

Hammond Site

Introduction to Catholic Morality

Catholic morality deals with understanding how we live as Christians. The goal of this course is to explore the foundations of Catholic morality and the practice of the moral life. Topics covered include: human dignity, virtue, the Beatitudes, objective moral truth, personal responsibility, sin, conscience, grace and the commandments. This session will rely on part three of the *Universal Catechism, Life in Christ*. Ideal for first time or veteran catechists, RCIA candidates or other interested adults. Unit hours: 4 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation.)

Date: November 3 and 10, 2011

Site: St. John Bosco Church
Hammond, IN

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Vickie Blackwood and
Bob Meaney

Session ID: F11 - N

Starke County Site - Saturday Morning

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Date: Saturday, October 1, 2011

Site: St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Knox, IN

Time: 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

Facilitator: Stacia Bolakowski

Session ID: F11 - O

Emmaus Program

(The Emmaus courses use a separate registration procedure. To register contact Anne Verbeke at 219-769-9292 ext. 280 or email: averbeke@dcgary.org)

Understanding the Mass Through the Lens of the New Missal

This class will focus on the revised text and how it bring us closer to the “full, conscious, and active participation” of the faithful in the liturgical action. Unit Hours: 8 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Sept. 27, 29 Oct. 4, 6, 2011

Site: Andrean High School
Merrillville, IN

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Fr. Martin Dobrzynski

Fee: \$20.00

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

This course will highlight the seven themes of Social Justice, which have been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar and Episcopal documents. An excellent introduction to the Church’s teachings on Justice. Unit Hours: 8 (May be applied toward a Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation)

Date: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2011

Site: Our Lady of Consolation Church
Merrillville, IN

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Linda Pizza

Fee: \$20.00

Course Locations

St. Thomas More Church (Diocesan Congress)
8501 Calumet Avenue
 Munster, IN 46321, (219) 836-8610

Carmelite Shrine (Catechist Retreat)
1628 Ridge Road
 Munster, IN 46321 ((219) 838-7111

St. James the Less Church
 9640 Kennedy Avenue
 Highland, IN 46322, (219) 924-4220

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
 406 East Washington Street
 Knox, IN 46354 (574) 772-4134

St. John Bosco Church
 7113 Columbia Avenue
 Hammond, IN 46342, (219) 844-9027, ext. 310

Sacred Heart Church
 130 Bach Street
 La Porte, IN 46350 (219) 362-2815

St. Joseph School
 101 "C" Street
 La Porte, IN 46350, (219) 362-2509

Holy Name Church
 11000 West 133rd Avenue
 Cedar Lake, IN 46303 (219) 374-7160

St. Joseph Church
 440 Joliet Road
 Dyer, IN 46311, (219) 661-0644

Andean High School (Emmaus Pro.)
 5959 Broadway
 Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 887-5281

Holy Spirit Church (Winfield Township)
 7667 East 109th Avenue
 Crown Point, IN 46307-8843, (219) 661-0644

Our Lady of Consolation Church
 (Emmaus Program)
 8303 Taft
 Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 769-1755



Why be certified?

"The summit and center of catechetical formation lies in an aptitude and ability to communicate the Gospel message." (General Directory for Catechesis)

If you are a catechist currently teaching in a parish religious education program in the Diocese of Gary, a Bible study facilitator, or other faith formation leader, you owe it to yourself and to those you teach to be formed in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. You can prepare yourself for catechetical ministry by becoming certified through the Diocese of Gary Catechist Certification Program.

The Office of Religious Education offers courses in two areas of certification. They are:

- **Basic Certificate**
(New Catechists)
- **Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation**
(Veteran Catechists)

Basic Certificate

28 hours of Formation

Every new catechist in the Diocese of Gary is required to work toward and earn a Basic Certificate over a four year time period.

These Sessions Include:

- Catechist Enrichment Day
- Classroom Management
- Lesson Planning
- The Special Needs Student
- Catechist Retreat Experience
- Getting Started as a Catechist
- The Roles of a Catechist
- The Person of the Catechist
- How Do We Learn
- Methods for grades 1-8
- Catechetical Liturgical Day



Register on line at www.dcgary.org
Go to [Quick Links](#) and click on "On Line Event Registration" for current programs.

Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation

24 hours of On Going Formation

Veteran catechists may earn a **Certificate of Continuing Catechist Formation** at the completion of an additional 24 hours of ongoing education/formation.

Formation Options Include:

- The Emmaus Program
- Catechist Enrichment Day
- Catechetical Liturgical Day
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program
- Catechist Retreat
- Other programs offered by Diocesan Offices

Continuing Education Policy

The Diocese of Gary requires that all catechists take a minimum of six hours of continuing formation/education in faith formation each calendar year.

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