



Echoes of Faith Plus

A new way to
achieve
Catechist Certification

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Echoes of Faith Plus Creators

Echoes of Faith Plus is a project of the **National Conference of Catechetical Leadership** in collaboration with and produced by **RCL/Benziger**. It is the most complete and widely used catechist formation resource ever developed.

Echoes of Faith Plus is a **video-assisted process of formation** for parish catechists, Catholic school teachers, and facilitators of adult faith formation. Each participant also receives a **study book** and CD-ROM.

Diocese of Erie

***Echoes of Faith Plus* is added to the process by which catechists can be certified in the Diocese. This program will add options and flexibility to our current offerings.**

Currently, catechist certification is conducted through the Ministry Training Program. At this time it is our intention to continue the existing program so that people who have begun the certification process in this program will be able to complete their certification with no disruption.

How is *Echoes of Faith Plus* Organized?

Echoes of Faith Plus is built around the three dimensions of catechist formation highlighted in the *General Directory for Catechesis*:

“Being,
knowing, and
savior faire.” (GDC 238)

The fourteen *Echoes of Faith Plus* DVD and booklet modules are divided into three sets, each addressing one of these dimensions.



“Faith is the result of the initiative of God’s grace and the cooperation of human freedom. Catechists should humbly acknowledge with St. Paul, ‘I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.’ ”
NDC, 2005, p. 230

Echoes of Faith Plus In Your Parish

This program is designed to run in individual parishes and its best use is when a group of catechists gather together to learn and grow in the faith.

If you are interested in this program, speak with your local religious education leader to see how it may be started in your parish.



Catechists: “Stimulate not only external but interior activity - a prayerful response from the heart.”

NDC, 2005, p.206



Echoes of Faith Plus Titles

The following is a list of the titles that are included in the *Echoes of Faith Plus* program

CATECHIST SET 12 hours

Catechist: Getting Started	4 hours
Roles of the Catechist	4 hours
Person of the Catechist	4 hours

METHODOLOGY SET 8 - 12 hours

Methods for Grades 1 & 2	4 hours
Methods for Grades 3 & 4	4 hours
Methods for Grades 5 & 6	4 hours
Methods for Grades 7 & 8	4 hours
How Do We Learn	4 hours
Adult Faith Formation	4 hours

THEOLOGY SET 40 hours

I Believe, We Believe	8 hours
Liturgy & Sacraments	8 hours
Catholic Morality	8 hours
The Scriptures	8 hours
Prayer & Spirituality	8 hours

Total: 60 hours