



Catechist Certification

Echoes of Faith Creator

*Echoes of Faith*

*Plus*

Realizing

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## Echoes of Faith Plus: Getting Started

### STEPS TO IMPLEMENT ECHOES IN YOUR PARISH

CHECK AS COMPLETED

- 1)** It is recommended that you immediately purchase a copy of the ***Echoes of Faith Plus Program Director's Manual*** from RCL/Benziger (the standard Diocese of Erie discount will apply). Please remember this is a one time investment for a multi-year program.

Then spend some time at:

<http://faithfirst.com/html/eof/>

for an overview of the process.

- 2)** Review the previous Lay Ministry Training courses that your catechists have completed toward certification. This is important: Courses that catechists have taken previously in the Ministry Training Program still “count”.
- 3)** Discuss with your catechists which module they would prefer to begin and the schedule that will best serve your parish needs. Please choose a few topics to allow for DVD and/or presenter scheduling.
- 4)** Call or email the Diocesan Resource Library to schedule the appropriate DVD.
- 5)** After scheduling the module, **order sufficient copies (in sets of 10) of the “Companion Booklet”** from RCL/ Benziger for each catechist for the module you will be completing. Contact a neighboring parish if you do not need all ten books.

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- 6) Please review the section:

***Process for Authorized Use*** on page 5.

If the program will be presented by someone on the parish staff then go to the Diocesan website [www.eriescd.org/pdf/re\\_eofregform.pdf](http://www.eriescd.org/pdf/re_eofregform.pdf) and download *Echoes of Faith Plus Registration Form*. **You will need to return this completed form to the Diocesan Department of Religious Education to have your catechists properly registered with the diocese for certification.**

**Reminder:** To be approved for certification the plan must intend to follow the process as outlined in the *Echoes of Faith Plus Program Director's Manual*. **The diocese will not recognize for certification, a process which is designed solely as home study.** Unless there are significant extenuating circumstances. Obviously, individuals will occasionally miss a session and will need to make up that session at home using their booklet's CD-ROM. Someone should follow up to engage the catechist in a discussion of the material.

- 7) If you will need a diocesan presenter for your program, please contact the Religious Education Department.
- 8) A revised copy of the "Catechist Certification Record" is available at the address below with space to record information about Echoes of Faith. As well as information about expectations for "Basic;" "Intermediate;" and "Final" certification.

[http://www.eriescd.org/pdf/re\\_eofcatrecord.pdf](http://www.eriescd.org/pdf/re_eofcatrecord.pdf)

## Echoes of Faith Plus Understanding Costs

### Modules presented by parish personnel:

Diocesan DVD Rental:	\$5
(on Diocesan Subscription Plan:)	\$0
Participant Booklet (each)	\$4.50
	(if purchased in lots of 10)
(Plus one time \$49.95 for the Director's Manual)	

### Modules offered by diocesan presenters:

Diocesan DVD Rental:	\$0
Participant Booklet (each)	\$4.50
Per participant fee	\$15 to diocese

The Diocese will provide the presenters stipend.

These charges are the same as the Ministry Training Program except for the cost of the participants books.

## Diocese of Erie

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

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

## *Echoes of Faith Plus*

### Process for Authorized Use

**Catechist and Methodology Set** - this part of the program can be presented by any parish religious education leader.

**Theology Set** - this part of the process may be presented by parish Religious Education leaders who are identified by the Diocese as a Coordinator or Director.

For parishes where the Religious Education leader does not have these credentials, this set may be presented by the pastor or by a regional person designated by the diocese and paid by the parish. (see previous page)

## Echoes of Faith Plus Titles

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

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<b>CATECHIST SET</b>	<b>12 hours</b>
Catechist: Getting Started	4 hours
Roles of the Catechist	4 hours
Person of the Catechist	4 hours

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<b>METHODOLOGY SET</b>	<b>8 - 12 hours</b>
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

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<b>THEOLOGY SET</b>	<b>40 hours</b>
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

## Echoes of Faith Creator

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

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

## 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.

