

MATERIALS

The videos, workbooks and a new director's manual may be purchased from RCL (Resources for Christian Living) in Allen, Texas (1-800-822-6701, FAX:1-800-688-8356). Ask if any discounts are available at the current time.

The **Media Resource Center** is able to obtain the Workbooks at a reduced cost by buying in volume. Each participant must have their own companion workbook for each module.

A set of videos is also available from the Media Center for use.

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CERTIFICATION

Echoes provides a minimum of thirty (30) hours of formation covering the three areas of formation suggested in the GDC. However, it is not comprehensive nor is it sufficient for the fully formed catechist/youth minister. It is basic. It introduces the catechist/youth minister to ideas, concepts they will encounter as they progress in their formation as catechists/youth ministers.

Echoes of Faith fulfills the requirements for the **Preliminary Catechist Certificate** or would take the Preliminary Catechist to the **Catechist** level of certification. One clock hour in Area A and one clock hour in Area C is missing. However, the integrated nature of the videos weaves spirituality and methodology throughout the entire series. Hence, 30 clock hours will be given. Youth ministry hours will also be given to all materials except those for non-youth ministry age groups.

Note: It is not necessary to request clock hours each time you use the Echoes videos. Simply record the video title & clock hours on the certification application form.

Echoes Of Faith

USING
ECHOES OF FAITH
IN
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
AND
YOUTH MINISTRY

Echoes of Faith is a video assisted, basic catechist/youth ministry formation program.

Applications for Certification are due in the Office by March 15 of each year.

ECHOES OF FAITH is an integrated learning design with a video component.

In order to gain the maximum benefit from the program, the catechists/youth minister must follow the learning process in the companion booklet.

The process in the book drives the learning with different activities, articles and reflections developed to help the catechist integrate the learning with his/her own experience.

BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION

Echoes provides a solid foundation for a catechist in the three dimensions of formation suggested by the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC), article 238.

BEING, KNOWING AND SAVIOR FAIRE.

- **“BEING”** refers to the spiritual and human formation of the catechist him/herself.
- **“KNOWING”** emphasizes the importance of the catechist having a “sufficient knowledge of the message.”
- **“SAVIOR FAIRE”** The GDC introduces an interesting word in the catechetical vocabulary. It is the ability to communicate the Gospel message.

CORE CONTENT

The **Echoes of Faith** videos will cover:

➤ **Message of Catechesis**
(4 Hours - Area D - each module)

I Believe/We Believe
Liturgy and Sacraments
Catholic Morality
Prayer and Spirituality
Introduction to the Scriptures

➤ **Catechist As A Person of Faith**
(2 Hours - Area A - each module)

The Roles of the Catechist
The Person of the Catechist

➤ **Process and Context of Catechesis**

Getting Started as a Catechist
2 Hours - Area C
Methods for Each Grade Level:
Grade 1-2: 2 Clock Hours: 1-B;1-C
Grade 3-4: 2 Clock Hours: 1-B;1-C
Grade 5-6: 2 Clock Hours: 1-B;1-C
Grade 7-8: 2 Clock Hours: 1-B;1-C
(Catechists should only use the module for their particular grade level Youth Ministers should only use Grades 5-8)

➤ **Person Being Catechized**

Introduction to The Learner
4 Clock Hours - Area B

Suggested Ways To Use Echoes of Faith In A Religious Education Setting

- As an entire group, at a catechist meeting or formation experience.
- As a gathering of grade level catechists.
- As a gathering of those with the same level of experience.
- As a joint formation opportunity of catechists and catholic school teachers.
- As a self-directed model for use with a mentor (experienced and certified catechist).
- As part of a retreat experience for catechists.

Echoes of Faith has thirteen modules. Each module takes a minimum of either two or four hours to complete. The learning process for each module is contained in the companion booklet.

Hence, completion of the **Echoes of Faith** Program can take a year or two to complete depending on how much time is devoted to it.

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