

Catechist Formation

Catechist formation is central to successfully completing the faith formation of children. The aim of the catechist is to help the People of God to be active and conscious members of Christ's Body, the Church. To do this, the catechist must put on the mind of Christ, and see others as He sees them. Catechists need to be educated themselves in the best possible skill sets used in education in the faith. They do not do this alone but with parents and the community but the catechist role is very important.

The California Catholic Conference of Bishops have set forth guidelines for the certification of catechists in Catholic schools, parish formation programs and youth ministry. All catechists are expected to participate and complete this formation program. The course work included doctrine and methods and is offered through the Archdiocese of San Francisco in a variety of formats.

The guidelines and ways of certification are included in these guidelines. The goals we accomplish in catechesis come about through the work of competent teachers of the faith who see their role as more than a job but a vocation in the Church.