

ECHOES OF FAITH is a basic-level, video-assisted resource for the formation, enrichment, and certification of parish and Catholic school catechists in the Diocese of Helena.

ECHOES OF FAITH consists of thirteen modules that treat theological and catechetical themes in providing the most important understandings for a beginning catechist.

- The theological modules acquaint catechists with the foundations of Catholic doctrine and tradition, and reflect the basic teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and contemporary Church documents.
- The catechetical modules introduce principles of sound catechetical theory and demonstrate appropriate methods for forming others in faith.

All modules incorporate the expertise of over 50 North American theologians, educators, and catechetical specialists.

ECHOES OF FAITH modules consist of a video and companion booklet. The booklets prepare the catechists for viewing the video, invite them to record their reflections regarding its content, provide pertinent articles to extend the learning, and suggest activities to apply the material to life and catechetical settings. Videos and booklets are available from the Catholic Formation Department.

ECHOES OF FAITH

THEOLOGICAL MODULES

(Four-hour modules)

I Believe, We Believe
(The Profession of Faith)

Liturgy and Sacraments

Catholic Morality

Prayer and Spirituality

Introduction to the Scriptures

CATECHETICAL MODULES

(Two-hour modules)

Getting Started as a Catechist

The Person of the Catechist

Roles of the Catechist

Introduction to the Learner*

Methods for Grades 1 and 2

Methods for Grades 3 and 4

Methods for Grades 5 and 6

Methods for Grades 7 and 8

* Module has a 3-4 hour learning design.

ECHOES OF FAITH addresses the themes and topics identified by the Catholic Formation Department for basic catechist formation and certification, and provides at least thirty (30) hours of basic formation.

- Each theological module offers a minimum of four (4) hours of learning.
- Each catechetical module provides a minimum of two (2) hours of learning.

Persons who satisfactorily complete the entire series are eligible to receive Basic Catechist certification in the Diocese of Helena from the Catholic Formation Department.

ECHOES OF FAITH participants seeking diocesan certification are required to complete all theological and catechetical modules (except those “Methods” modules not immediately pertinent to the grade level being taught). Diocesan certification will indicate the particular grade level of the “Methods” modules a catechist has completed. It is strongly recommended that catechists complete all of the “Methods” modules in time.

ECHOES OF FAITH participants seeking diocesan certification are required to obtain an endorsement and acknowledgment of module completion from their pastor, pastoral administrator, or school principal.

ECHOES OF FAITH record-keeping for persons seeking diocesan certification is the participant's responsibility in cooperation with one's pastor/pastoral administrator, DRE, or school principal.

ECHOES OF FAITH certification is valid for a period of three (3) years from date of issue. Renewal for subsequent 3-year periods is provided through annual attendance at parish, school, or diocesan-sponsored catechetical in-service opportunities.

ECHOES OF FAITH modules are designed for use by small catechist groups but may also be easily used by individuals. The theological modules in particular are suitable for use in adult education gatherings as well.

ECHOES OF FAITH module booklets cost \$3.50 each and are non-returnable. The video rental fee is \$6.00 each; there is no charge for videos to parishes and Catholic schools that pay the annual Resource Center "Frequent User Fee." Billing is available through the diocesan Business Office.

For more information or to schedule ECHOES OF FAITH, contact the Catholic Formation Department at 442-5820 or 1-800-584-8914.

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