



UTAH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Nurturing Faith, Expanding Knowledge, Preparing for the Future

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CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE

The goal of Catechist Certification is to:

- prepare teachers to have a basic and deeper understanding of their (the) Catholic faith
- help teachers infuse the Catholic faith throughout the curriculum

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

There are two types of certification necessary for teachers of Utah Catholic schools:

- **BASIC Certification:** All contract teachers, regardless of grade level or subject, must obtain Basic Certification by June 2026 or within two years of their hire date. Basic Certification requires 30 hours of coursework across the designated domains. Employees who hold a BA or MA in Theology, an MA in Catholic School Leadership, or are members of a religious community automatically qualify for Basic Certification.
- **RENEWAL Certification:** After receiving a Basic Certification, contract teachers will renew a minimum of 10 hours every year within the domains below.

CATECHESIS DOMAINS FOUR PILLARS			
Creed	Sacraments	Morality	Prayer
Mary Saints Tradition Scripture The Trinity The Church Life of Christ Nicene/ Apostles	Liturgy Worship Sacramentality Rites and Rituals Structure of the Mass Sacraments of Healing Sacraments of Initiation Sacraments of Communion	Virtues Beatitudes Social Justice Works of Mercy The Commandments Conscience Formation Moral Decision Making Dignity of the Human Person	Rosary Adoration Evangelization Leading Prayer Forms of Prayer Common Prayers The Lord's Prayer How Prayer works



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Model	Blended: Virtual and/or In Person	Faith Formation Days
Description	Participants register on the appropriate websites, choose an offered course and set their own schedule. (PLC's recommended)	Utah Catholic Schools and the Diocese of Salt Lake City host Faith Formation days.
Examples	BASIC (30 Hours) • <u>Teach in Christ</u> Building the Kingdom through Knowledge and Faith (Beginner to Advanced/ \$125) • <u>Symbolon (English)</u> <u>Symbolon (Spanish)</u> (Beginner to Advanced/ \$79) • <u>STEP: Foundations of Catholic Belief</u> (Intermediate to Advanced / \$99) RENEWAL (10 Hours) • <u>My Catholic Faith Delivered</u> 13 Courses / <u>Registration</u> • <u>Catechetical Formation Series</u> Loyola Press • <u>Teach in Christ</u> 5 Hour Online Courses • <u>STEP Courses</u> Choose from any Course offered • <u>Book Study in PLC's</u> <u>Pre Approved Books</u>	FAITH FORMATION DAYS: (RENEWAL) • Mission Orientation for new employees (2 hours) • Utah Catholic Schools Faith Formation Day (4 hours) • Utah Catholic Conference (fka Pastoral Congress/tbd) • Salt Lake City Diocesan Advent / Lenten Retreats (tbd) • Los Angeles Religious Education Congress (tbd) • Las Vegas Diocesan Conference (tbd) • Diocese of Reno Annual Conference (tbd) • National Catholic Education Association Convention (tbd) • On-site adult only retreat provided by school. Needs to meet content requirements for Catechist formation. (tbd)



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(To be completed, submitted to school principal annually)

Name:
School:
Contract employee start date:
Certification completed (Renewal) -
Valid through:

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