Pathways: Step One

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is Catechist Formation?**

Catechist formation provides opportunities for catechists to grow personally, spiritually, in knowledge of the faith and in catechetical skills.

**Who will participate in the catechist formation process?**

All those who serve as a catechist in a school or parish program can benefit from this formation process.

**How does a catechist participate within the formation process?**

All catechists begin the formation process with an introductory course (Step One) beginning in September 2017. Catechists will have until September 2019 to participate in this course. This course will be offered on an ongoing basis to accommodate new catechists. In addition, every catechist will participate in a yearly spiritual enrichment experience of their choosing.

**When will these formation opportunities be offered?**

The schedule for this formation opportunity will be determined by the parish or school to accommodate the catechists.

**How much will this class cost?**

Each parish and/ or school will pay $200 to cover the cost of facilitators for the program. If parishes and/ or schools combine for the sessions, each one will pay $150.

For example, if St. James Parish and St. James School hold their training sessions together, each would pay $150, for a total of $300.

**Will other courses I have taken in the past be considered and applied to the current formation policy?**

All catechists will need to participate in Step One of Pathways. If catechists have taken other courses, those courses may be considered toward future Catechist Formation offerings.