



## **Catechist, Catechist Trainer, Master Catechist Recertification Requirements**

**Hours:** 24 hours of continuing education are needed every three years for Diocesan Catechist Recertification. **Catechist Trainers and Master Catechists need a minimum of 60 hours every three years.**

### **Areas of Formation:**

Topics for recertification MUST be taken from one of the following areas. The areas for recertification are intended to be a deepening of the themes presented in Catechist Certification:

1. Divine Revelation, Scripture, and Christian Philosophy
2. Old Testament
3. New Testament
4. Principles of Evangelization and Catechesis
5. Catechetical Methods
6. Liturgy and Sacraments
7. Theology of the Body
8. Morality
9. Catholic Social Teaching
10. Prayer

### **Approved recertification formation opportunities in the Diocese of Phoenix:**

Recertification hours can be accepted from the following local institutions/programs:

1. *Adult Faith Formation or Parish Leadership* courses offered by the Kino Catechetical Institute.
2. Workshops and Conferences offered by the Kino Catechetical Institute.
3. Retreats and workshops led by priests, deacons, as well as Diocesan certified catechist trainers and master catechists, of the Diocese of Phoenix.
4. Workshops at the annual Catechist Congress of the Diocese of Phoenix, Women's Conference of the Diocese of Phoenix.
5. Catechetical workshops provided by the Department of Family Catechesis and the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Phoenix.
6. Classes, both live and online, of the St. Thomas the Apostle *Institute of Catholic Theology*, [www.ictphx.org](http://www.ictphx.org)
7. Classes, both live and online, presented by the Arizona Bible Class [www.arizonabibleclass.com](http://www.arizonabibleclass.com).
8. ***Discipline with Purpose* training workshops cannot be used toward catechist recertification hours. Meditation with children does not count toward recertification.**
9. An annual retreat/renewal experience is recommended and can count towards the 24 hours of continuing education. **A maximum of 6 hours within a 3-year period will be accepted toward recertification.**
10. **Safe Environment training courses cannot be used toward catechist recertification hours, including Train the Trainer.**
11. **Parish Missions need to be pre-approved. Please call for more information.**

### **Other Formation Opportunities:**

Other formation opportunities, both inside and outside of the Diocese of Phoenix, can be used for catechist recertification as long as the topic of the formation is in one of the areas listed above and the presenter is either:

1. A priest or deacon in good standing with his local bishop.
2. Meets the qualifications of a certified catechist trainer in the Diocese of Phoenix. These qualifications are listed at or [www.kinoinstitute.org](http://www.kinoinstitute.org) under 'Catechist Formation'.

For questions on whether specific formation can be applied to catechist recertification, please email the Kino Catechetical Institute at [kinoinstitute@dphx.org](mailto:kinoinstitute@dphx.org)

### **Acceptance of Online Formation:**

Credit will be granted for online courses only if a typed copy of the participant's notes for each individual session/class is attached to this form. These notes must include the following:

1. Name/instructor/date of the Class/Workshop.
2. A one sentence summary of the Class/Workshop.
3. Your notes from the Class/Workshop.
4. One to two points of application for your catechetical work that you take away from the Class/Workshop.