

Pastoral Formation

VLCFF, University of Dayton

Visit www.vlcff.udayton.edu

PCL required courses:

- Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan
- Overview of the GDC and NDC

Plus **one** of the following:

- Faith and Human Development
- Administration in Ministry
- Communication & Community

YMC required courses:

- A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry

Plus **two** of the following:

- Planning for Youth Ministry
- Prayer and Worship with Adolescents
- Relational Ministry with Youth

PCLs and YMCs seeking certification:

- Notify OLFF staff when you begin your first course.
- Register online with the college of your choice.
- Contact OLFF staff for an interview when Theological and Pastoral Formation is completed.

Please contact OLFF staff if you need advice or assistance.

"The single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader."

National Directory for Catechesis "54



Every PCL and YMC must be properly prepared, educated and formed to lead and inspire the people of their parish in the faith of Jesus Christ. The PCL and YMC are not coordinators of programs, but rather, a visionary and role model who desires to bring all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Office of Lifelong
Faith Formation

**Parish
Catechetical
Leader
Certification**



Diocese of Portland

Certification

In the Diocese of Portland, certification includes: Theological Formation, Pastoral Formation, and Ongoing Formation. **Theological Formation** may be completed through online courses offered through three colleges. **Pastoral Formation** courses are offered through the University of Dayton's VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation). **Ongoing Formation** is provided by the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation through monthly meetings of the Lifelong Faith Formation Association (LFFA), a variety of ministry workshops, a yearly retreat, and the annual Parish Life Conference. Certified PCLs and YMCs will have completed three years of parish experience and commit to 20 hours of yearly ongoing formation.



Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available through the Catholic Foundation of Maine. Grant applications are distributed each spring; grants are approved each August.

Theological Formation

STEP, University of Notre Dame

Cost: \$99 per course

Visit www.step.nd.edu.

Required courses:

- Introduction to the Catholic Faith or The Creed: We Believe . . .
- Ecclesiology
- The Christian Conscience and Ethical Dilemmas: Guidance from the Catholic Tradition
- Introduction to the Sacraments
- Liturgical Theology
- Introduction to the New Testament
- The Six Tasks of Catechesis

VLCFF, University of Dayton

(Virtual Learning Community
for Faith Formation)

Cost: \$105 per course;

\$80 per seminar

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Required courses:

- Introduction to Catechesis
- Catholic Beliefs
- Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church
- Introduction to Liturgy
- Sacraments
- Introduction to Christian Morality or Introduction to Practical Morality
- Introduction to Scripture

St. Joseph College, Certificate in Catholic Catechesis

Cost: \$300 per course

Visit www.sjcme.edu

Required courses:

- TH 106 Foundations of Catholic Doctrine
- TH 107 Liturgy and Sacraments
- TH 108 Catholic Spirituality
- TH 109 Catholic Moral Theology
- TH 110 Introduction to Sacred Scripture
- TH 111 The Trinity and the Church

Each course awards 1 college credit

10% discount for Diocese of Portland



Spiritual Formation

- Participate in Sunday Eucharist
- Attend an annual retreat
- Participate in parish mission
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly
- Seek spiritual direction
- Commit to reading scripture
- Surround yourself with spiritual companions with whom to share your faith