

[DOCTRINAL CERTIFICATION](#)

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Doctrinal Certification is one of the three components required for full **Archdiocesan Catechist Certification** for catechists in the Archdiocese of Newark. The other two components are **Spirituality Certification** and **Methodology Certification**. All parish catechists working with children and/or adults and all Catholic elementary school teachers who teach religion are required to have full **Archdiocesan Catechist Certification**.

(Different requirements apply to those teaching religion in Catholic high schools.)

Contact Sr. Maureen Shaughnessy at Sr.Maureen.Shaughnessy@rcan.org or 973-497-4295 for more information.)

DOCTRINAL CERTIFICATION COURSES AT LOCATIONS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Doctrinal Certification is offered at parishes in different parts of the Archdiocese through a series of courses in the SPOTLIGHT program. **Doctrinal Certification** through SPOTLIGHT consists of the following six courses. They may be taken in any order:

- Spotlight on Faith (Course 1)
- Spotlight on Sacraments (Course 2)
- Spotlight on Morality (Course 3)
- Spotlight on Prayer (Course 4)
- Spotlight on the Old Testament (Course 5)
- Spotlight on the New Testament (Course 6)

SPOTLIGHT courses are offered on a rotating basis in each of the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. More information on the SPOTLIGHT courses, including current dates and locations, may be found on the website of the Catechetical Office, by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting our page at www.rcan.org/catechetical and scrolling down to this Spotlight image.



DOCTRINAL CERTIFICATION COURSES ONLINE

Doctrinal Certification courses are also offered online through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation offered by the University of Dayton.

To learn which online courses are required for **Doctrinal Certification** and which courses currently are available, click on the following link: <https://www.rcan.org/sites/default/files/files/UDCycle%201%202019.pdf> or visit our webpage at www.rcan.org/catechetical and scroll down to ONLINE LEARNING.

To learn more about the University of Dayton online courses and to register go to the following web site:

<https://vlc.udayton.edu/>

Online courses from the University of Dayton program may be combined with SPOTLIGHT courses to achieve **Doctrinal Certification**, as long as all the required topic areas are covered. Seek advice from Patty Rodriguez or Sr. Maureen Shaughnessy (contact information below) if you have questions on the proper selection of courses.

An alternate Doctrinal Certification programs are available. Please contact Patty Rodriguez (contact information below) for further information.

For assistance with certification:

Parish catechists please contact Patty Rodriguez, 973-497-4297 or Patricia.Rodriguez@rcan.org

Catholic school faculty please contact Sr. Maureen Shaughnessy, 973-497-4295 or Sr.Maureen.Shaughnessy@rcan.org