

[DOCTRINAL CERTIFICATION](#)

[CATECHETICAL OFFICE, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK](#)

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.)

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 with two courses offered each year (spring and fall) in each of the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. Complete information on the SPOTLIGHT courses may be found on the web page of the Catechetical Office, <http://www.rcan.org/office-and-ministries/catechetical-office/> . (Click on “The Spotlight Program” in the left hand column.)

For a list of **current dates and locations of SPOTLIGHT** courses [CLICK HERE](#)

For the **brochure and registration form for SPOTLIGHT** courses [CLICK HERE](#)

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** [CLICK HERE](#)

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 Miss Elizabeth Foer or Sr. Maureen Shaughnessy, SC (below) if you have questions on the proper selection of courses.

For assistance with certification:

Parish catechists should contact Miss Elizabeth Foer, 973-497-4297, foereliz@rcan.org .

Catholic school faculty should contact Sr. Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, 973-497-4295, shaughma@rcan.org

For assistance with attendance and registration for SPOTLIGHT courses contact [Joanne DePasquale-Parent](#), 973-497-4288.