

Course Information

Where and when will the *Six Tasks of Catechesis* will be held ?

Visit the diocesan website for sites and schedules. The *Six Tasks of Catechesis* will also be available online through the Satellite Theology Education Program (STEP) through the University of Notre Dame.

Who is *Six Tasks of Catechesis* for?

The *Six Tasks of Catechesis* is intended for those who have successfully completed the Lay Ministry Formation Program Core Course, *Called to Discipleship*, or the three year program *Called to Servant Leadership*.

What does it entail?

The *Six Tasks of Catechesis* course meets for two hours once a week for six weeks.

What will the program cost?

The cost of the *Six Tasks of Catechesis* is covered to a large extent by participant fees. Those fees will be announced with each schedule. The text, *The National Directory for Catechesis*, is available from the Office of Lay Ministry Formation at an additional cost.

Program Mission Statement:

As that portion of the People of God in New Hampshire, we are all called to holiness and we share a common priesthood with Christ through Baptism and Confirmation. The realization of this God-given vocation calls forth a more vigorous participation by the laity in the ministries of the Church and as leaven in the world.

Mindful of the example of Jesus as servant and leader, the Bishop of Manchester invites mature Catholics to embark on a program of spiritual, theological and personal formation. The program is designed to deepen their faith and to encourage greater responsibility in promoting the life and mission of the Church as well as in its ministry of reconciliation with all peoples and our planet.



Diocese of Manchester



Lay Ministry Formation

"Launch out into the deep"
– Luke 5:4

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A process for intermediate formation for:

- ♦ Parish/school ministers
- ♦ Adults desiring enrichment

www.catholicnh.org/layministry



An invitation to Catholics to a fuller participation in the life of the Church, through a program of study, prayer, and formation for ministry.

A competent minister possesses necessary qualities and skills to be effective in ministry.



To register for the *Six Tasks of Catechesis*, please complete this registration form. You will need to have your pastor or a full-time parish staff member sign this form. (One registration per person. Copy as needed.)

Registration for _____
(See www.catholicnh.org/layministry for locations)

Name _____

Address (Please include City, State and Zip Code)

Phone (Please include area code) _____

Email _____

Parish _____

Town _____

Ministry _____

(Signature of Pastor or other full-time parish staff member)

(Please print name of signature)

Please send completed registration and payment to:

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Payment can be made by check or credit card.

Check made payable to RCBM

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard

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Diocesan policy requires that all Church employees and volunteers undergo background screenings before they are eligible for ministry. www.catholicnh.org.

The Six Tasks of Catechesis

You are invited to continue developing your formation in the faith by participating in this additional faith based, competence oriented, spiritually nourishing process. This process is for you if you have successfully completed the Lay Ministry Formation Program Core Course, *Called to Discipleship*, or the three-year program, *Called to Servant Leadership* and are serving in a parish or Catholic school as a catechist, catechetical leader, youth minister, member of the youth ministry, Evangelization or Catechumenate team, campus minister, member of the pastoral council or finance commission, or a support staff person in the parish or Catholic school. Whatever ministry you have been called to, you will benefit from participating in this opportunity to further enhance your competence and confidence.

Called, Formed and Missioned

In the documents of Vatican II, all of the baptized are called to holiness, to an understanding of their unique role in the building of the Kingdom of God. As lay people, you have a part to play in the great unfolding of God's plan in your local parish community and in the wider world.

As we forged into the new millennium, Pope John Paul II again challenged the People of God to take up their role in the Church with a new heart and a new vision. The image he chose for this new millennium was the biblical story of the miraculous catch of fish (Lk 5:1-6). The apostles, tired and hungry, unsuccessful in their night of fishing, return to shore empty handed. Jesus' request of them is simple; set out into the deep. And a miraculous catch is found.

So we too, as the People of God, as ministers of God's presence and love for others, set out into the deep through this program of formation. We take as our symbol, that same boat and net, that presence of Jesus in his cross and resurrection, that same apostolic willingness to commit ourselves at God's command. We accept the challenges of the new millennium as ours, for this time and place, and commit ourselves to action, to involvement, to our part as lay ministers in God's plan.

How will participating in this process help me to become more competent in ministry?

You will participate in a twelve hour course consisting of presentations on each of the six tasks of catechesis as described in the *National Directory for Catechesis*, interactive exchanges, a variety of prayer styles and experiences, and brief reflection and response assignments. During the last two classes, participants will prepare and present an outline of a sample session or experience based on one of the six tasks.

Those who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Attendance. Participation in the *Six Tasks of Catechesis* may be applied toward Diocesan Intermediate Catechist Certification.

The Six Tasks of Catechesis will be covered in six sessions:

1. Knowledge of the Faith
2. Knowledge of the meaning of Liturgy and Sacraments
3. Moral Formation in Jesus Christ
4. How to Pray with Christ
5. Preparation to live in Community and participate actively in the life and mission of the Church
6. Promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society

During the last two sessions, participants will present an outline of an application of one of the six tasks.