



Office of Catechetical Services

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

The mission of the Office of Catechetical Services is to provide leadership, direction and resources for Catholic parishes, Catholic schools and Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in the shaping of a unified vision of Catholic identity consistent with the catechetical documents of the Roman Catholic Church. We accomplish this mission through the values of dignity of person, stewardship and service.

Visit our website at:

www.oce-ocs.org/ocs



Services Provided

Catechetical Consultants provide consulting services for Catholic parishes and Catholic schools regarding:

- Adult faith formation development, and training and resources
- Program design and evaluation for total parish catechesis
- Text and materials selection
- Volunteer management and recruitment
- Religion curriculum resources
- Resources for adolescent catechesis
- Training and certification needs for parish catechetical leaders and catechists
- Training and certification needs for principals and religion teachers
- Parish catechetical programs for children
- Sacramental preparation
- The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist training
- Adult Faith Formation Skills Workshops
- Inservices for parish and school catechists
- Diocesan Certification for Parish Catechetical Leaders
- Catechetical program resources in a cluster setting
- Catechesis for people with special needs, including disabilities
- Orientation to Catholic Beliefs course for teachers of other faiths
- Intergenerational Catechesis and training
- We Are Called Catechetical Conference
- January Thaw Catechetical Conference
- New Directions Catechetical Conference
- Mentoring for new catechetical leaders
- Faith-based Media Literacy (see below for more information)

Faith-Based Media Literacy Workshops

In planning your catechetical year, consider scheduling a faith-based media presentation for your parish, staff, class, parish group or ministry. Last year hundreds participated in faith-based media workshops on:

- Internet Safety
- Music Literacy
- Media Awareness
- Social Networking
- Catechetical Resources for Parents

Contact Jeff Stutzman to schedule one of these workshops at your parish or school.

Knights of Columbus Media Grant

We express our sincere gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Diocese of Cleveland for their continued support of the Catechetical Media Grant. This year we were able to award over \$5,400 in grants to schools and parishes. In January 2011, Knights in the Diocese of Cleveland donated more funds for catechetical media than any other diocese in state for the 4th straight year! For more information on the various K of C grants please visit our web site.

Religious Certification

For information on Religious Certification requirements, visit our website at: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/ocs>, select Certification and choose the appropriate link in the left margin.

Courses Offered

For information on courses offered, visit our website at: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/ocs> and select Courses.

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