



MARONITE CATECHIST CERTIFICATION ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR THE EPARCHY OF ST. MARON

Purpose:

The Eparchy of St. Maron is launching a free online program of 12 workshop tracks through the *Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University* to certify our parish volunteers. Catechists and youth leaders in parish faith formation (religious education) are invited to participate in a program to inspire, educate, train, and enhance your knowledge and skills in handing on the Catholic faith to the youth that you serve. The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Sisters will coordinate this program for the Eparchy with the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University.

How:

Each track offers a one-hour workshop professionally filmed with a live audience. Art, innovative media, music, and other creative elements have also been incorporated. You may take these online tracks in the convenience of your home at your choice of day and time via a computer. Likewise, all source material is provided in a user-friendly manner, designed for those not used to online learning platforms, while each one-hour workshop is broken up into 10-15-minute segments for ease of viewing.

Workshop Tracks:

For a list of the 12 required workshop tracks and a brief summary, see the 2-page attachment to this flyer. One track is for Catechists and the other is for MYO advisors.

Certification:

After each workshop track is completed with review questions submitted, an assigned mentor will read your reflections and offer constructive comments. At the successful completion of these 12 tracks, the Eparchy will present you with a document certifying you as a Catechist in Level I of the program.

Registration:

To enroll in these workshops, you will need:

- Permission of pastor
- On-line access instructions, email the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Sisters: sister@maroniteservants.org.

Materials Needed:

- Catholic Bible
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- On-line reading resources are provided in the program.

Costs:

No cost to you. The cost for this program is covered by the Eparchy.



See Following Pages for a Complete Listing of the Workshop Tracks



Workshop Tracks for Eparchial Formation and Certification of Maronite Catechists

1. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis

Come explore how to unfold the life-giving truths of our faith with Jesus placed clearly at the center of all things: our teaching content, our teaching methods, and our own personal witness to others whom God has called us to love.

2. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith

The Church is the Body of Christ on Earth. The Church Christ founded is His continued history on Earth. The *graces* entrusted to Her make possible an explosion of sanctity in the human family. This workshop will explore the origins, role, sublime dignity and purpose of the Church.

3. Essential Link Between Liturgy and Catechesis

This workshop will explore the necessary connection of catechesis to the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church in our work as catechists. We bring others into God's saving work in the liturgy so they too can become *transformed* by He who loves us fully.

4. Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine

Scripture converts. The place of the sacred page in our catechetical work is matchless, *irreplaceably* vital. This workshop will explore Sacred Scripture as a *fundamental agent of conversion* in the catechetical process, and will provide practical means to make Scripture much more than just "proof" texts for your teaching.

5. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles

The goal of catechesis is participation in God's life. It is critical that catechists learn how to *effectively* engage the young mind and heart of each child. Methods and techniques will be demonstrated that encourage children to grow in wonder and awe, as they deepen their love for God and His truths.

6. The Trinity

The Blessed Trinity is the greatest of all mysteries: the One and Only God is a unity of Three Persons. The Trinity is also our final home, the goal of our life. This mystery, revealed in Jesus, sheds light on all other Christian mysteries. This workshop will help to show how to teach the centrality of the Trinity effectively, as the goal and fulfillment of the life of each Christian.

7. The Human Person

Who *am* I? What is *my nature*? What has God created me *for*? Who has God created me *for*? In this workshop we contemplate the unique answers that the Christian faith gives to these questions, answers that highlight the incredible dignity of every person.

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8. The Sacramental Economy

This workshop examines the place of the sacraments within God's magnificent plan of love. More than simply Catholic rituals, the sacraments are God's chosen channels of supernatural life, His plan for doing even more than saving us. This workshop will explore this extraordinary truth, and the provision of God to grace His adopted sons and daughters for a life far beyond their own natural capacity.

9. Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts

How do we keep our focus on serving the *Holy Spirit's plan and empowerment*, and not our own ways and human strength? This workshop explores who the Holy Spirit is and His work in personal conversion and our accepting with joy the gift of the fullness of the Catholic Church.

10. Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church father St. Jerome said that, "To others grace was given in measure, but into Mary was poured the whole fullness." Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son, Spouse of the Spirit, the Blessed Virgin has a *profoundly* unique place in the Mystical Body. This workshop looks at what God revealed to the Church about our Lady, and how those truths *form us* under her Motherhood as faithful disciples.

Workshops 11 & 12 will be offered online through the Eparchy and will include:

- Maronite Divine Liturgy
- Maronite Liturgical Year

