

# Certification Equivalency Credit

In the Diocese of Covington, Catholic Schoolteachers, Parish Catechists, and all Ministers involved in other areas of Ministries can request equivalency credit on the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute ([Franciscanathome.com](http://Franciscanathome.com)) platform for education and formation previously received and documented. Equivalency credit toward certification will be granted by the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization (OCE). ***Requests can be submitted to OCE using the Certification Equivalency Credit Tracking Form.***

## Diocese of Covington's New Certification Program

Since the fall of 2024, the former Certification Program of the Diocese Covington has been replaced by mentored (online and In-Person) workshops through the Catechetical Institute (CI) of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, also known as [Franciscanathome.com](http://Franciscanathome.com). The following chart explains the transfer of completed Diocesan Workshops/Courses to (online & In-Person) Workshops within the Catechetical Institute (CI).

All Diocesan Workshops/Courses transfer to Franciscan at Home Workshops in one-to-one ratios. A few Workshops are part of **the Foundational Certification** for all ministry areas, while others contribute to **Intermediate** and **Master Level of Certification** within the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute. For example, if someone seeking certification has completed all modules of the "Intro to Scripture," from the former Diocesan Certification Program, this will be equivalent to the "Intro to Old Testament," or the "Intro to New Testament," or the "Scripture: the Heart of Catechesis." The Foundational Certification Track through CI consists of Six (6) workshops. These workshops are:

- 1) **Jesus:** The Christo-Centricity of Catechetics
- 2) **Basic Beliefs** - Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
- 3) **Introduction to Old and New Testaments** – Choose one elective
  - a) Intro to Old Testament
  - b) Intro to New Testament
  - c) Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis
- 4) **The Vocation of the Catechist**
- 5) **Introduction to Catholic Spirituality** – Choose one elective
  - a) Intro to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
  - b) Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina
- 6) **Catechetical Process** – Choose one elective
  - a) The Ecclesial Method
  - b) The Evangelizing Classroom
  - c) Preventive System of St. John Bosco
  - d) Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
  - e) Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles

**"The Vocation of the Catechist"** does not have an equivalent module within the former Diocesan program. Those seeking Foundational Certification should complete this workshop or demonstrate evidence of prior, equivalent formation to the Office of Catechesis & Evangelization.

In addition to equivalency sought from previous certification through the Diocese of Covington's Certification Program, other formation previously completed and documented can also be used to request certification equivalency for corresponding Franciscan at Home Workshops. This additional formation can be noted on the [Certification Equivalency Credit Tracking Form](#).

## Certification Equivalencies:

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<b>Jesus: Christology</b>	Jesus: The Christo-Centricity of Catechetics			
<b>Basic Beliefs</b>	The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism			
<b>Intro to Scripture</b>	<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Intro to Old Testament</li> <li>b) Intro to New Testament</li> <li>c) Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis</li> </ul>			
<b>No Equivalency for this Module</b>	The Vocation of the Catechist			
<b>Intro to Catholic Spirituality</b>	<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Intro to Spiritual Life of the Catechist</li> <li>b) Praying with Scripture</li> </ul>			
<b>Catechetical Process</b>	<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Ecclesial Method</li> <li>b) The Evangelizing Classroom</li> <li>c) Preventive System of St. John Bosco</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Child Catechetical Methodologies &amp; Learning Styles</li> <li>e) Adult Methodologies &amp; Learning Styles</li> </ul>			
<b>Old &amp; New Testament</b>		<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis</li> <li>b) Scripture the Big Picture</li> <li>c) Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine</li> </ul>		
<b>Christian Morality</b>		<b>Choose Two Electives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Our Life in Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality</li> <li>b) The Ten Commandments &amp; Beatitudes</li> <li>c) Teaching your Children about God's Plan for Sexuality</li> <li>d) A Foundational Vision: Theology of the Body</li> <li>e) Faith &amp; Moral Development Ages 3 – 6</li> <li>f) Faith &amp; Moral Development Ages 6 – 12</li> <li>g) Faith &amp; Moral Development Ages 12 – 18</li> </ul>		
<b>Sacraments</b>		<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Sacramental Economy</li> <li>b) The Sacrament of Baptism</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) First Reconciliation</li> <li>d) The Sacrament of Eucharist</li> <li>e) First Penance &amp; First Eucharist Preparations</li> <li>f) The Sacrament of Confirmation</li> <li>g) Confirmation Preparation</li> </ul>		
<b>Liturgy &amp; Rites</b>		<p><b>Choose One Elective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Introducing Liturgy to Children</li> <li>b) Liturgy &amp; Catechetical Methodology</li> <li>c) Essential Link between Liturgy &amp; Catechesis</li> <li>d) The Purpose of Sacred Liturgy</li> </ul>		
<b>Jesus</b>			<p><b>Choose One Elective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Trinity</li> <li>b) The Father: Origin &amp; Desire of All Souls</li> <li>c) Christ: His Person &amp; Works</li> <li>d) The Holy Spirit: Converter of Hearts</li> </ul>	
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<b>Church: Vision, Mission, Ministry (Ecclesiology)</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries &amp; Guardian of the Deposit of Faith</li> <li>b) Magisterial, Conciliar &amp; Catechetical Documents I</li> <li>c) Magisterial, Conciliar &amp; Catechetical Documents II</li> <li>d) Family: Domestic Church &amp; School of Holiness</li> </ul>	
<b>Church History</b>			<b>No Equivalency for this Module</b>	
<b>Jesus &amp; Peace</b>			Catholic Social Teaching	
<b>Eschatology (the Last Things)</b>				The Four Last Things
<b>Going Deeper into the Catechism of the Catholic Church</b>				The Deposit of the Faith: An Intro to the Catechism
<b>The Interior Life of Parents &amp; Teachers: Praying through It</b>				<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Personal Vocation &amp; the Mentoring Relationship</li> <li>b) Vocational Spirituality</li> <li>c) Following Jesus: The Challenge of Discipleship</li> </ul>
Mariology				The Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Missiology</b>				<b>Choose One Elective</b>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Following Jesus: The Challenging of Discipleship</li> <li>b) Overcoming Obstacles in Discernment</li> <li>c) The Kerygma: Delivering the Gospel Proclamation</li> <li>d) Evangelizing with Hope &amp; Joy</li> <li>e) Understanding the Landscape</li> <li>f) A Guide to Echoing the Mystery: Unlocking the Deposit of Faith in Catechesis</li> </ul>
<b>Raising Virtuous Children – Common Sense of Parenting and Teaching</b>				<b>Choose One Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fostering Holiness in Children</li> <li>b) Family: Domestic Church and School of Holiness</li> <li>c) Mentoring Within a Family</li> <li>d) Teaching Your Children about</li> </ul>

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				<p>God's Plan for Sexuality  e) Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry with Teenagers</p>
<b>Bioethics</b>				<b>No Equivalency for this Module</b>
<b>Vatican Council II</b>				<b>Choose One Elective</b> a) Magisterial, Conciliar & Catechetical Documents I b) Magisterial, Conciliar & Catechetical Documents II