

## On-going Formation Courses Catechetical Certification for Green Bay Diocese Summary



**Ongoing Formation Courses:** Required of Catechists/DREs/Principals/Catholic School Teachers/Teacher Aides to continue to grow in the faith.

- **General Information**
  - Person should take components that are lacking in their certification first.
  - Person may take a component they don't feel they have received enough instruction.
  - One of the courses (at least 10 hours long with additional reading) may be taken each year for On-going Formation. [Courses will be published each year from RE & AFF department]

### Variety of Ways to do the On-Going Courses

- **Parish Based Programs for Ongoing Formation Certification** – must be a series of talks (totaling at least 10 hours)

Participant should do the workbooks that are required by the Parish for the DVD program. Examples are given below – there are more courses because new programs come out each year.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Book to Read:</u>
○ <i>Catholicism</i> (DVD program)	<i>Catholicism: A Journey To the Heart of the Faith</i> by Father Robert Barron
○ <i>An Introduction to the Theology of the Body</i> (DVD program)	<i>Theology of the Body for Beginners</i> by Christopher West
○ Biblical Walk Through the Mass workbook (DVD program)	<i>The Biblical Walk Through the Mass &amp;</i>  by Edward Sri
○ <i>Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother</i> (DVD program)	<i>Accompanying Workbook</i>
○ <i>Epic: Journey Through Church History</i> (DVD program)	<i>This is Our Church</i> by Michael Pennock
○ Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer (DVD Program)	<i>Accompanying Workbook</i>

Completion Forms for Ongoing Certification can be found on [www.gbdioc.org](http://www.gbdioc.org) Quick Link (left side of the main page), then scroll down toward the bottom of the page.

- **Ongoing Courses through the Diocese of Green Bay**

(Each summer different courses are offered. Flyer will be on the FCC portal by mid-February)

Sample of Courses that have been offered through the diocese: examples -

<u>Class</u>	<u>Book/Handouts to Read:</u>
○ Defending the Faith without Being Defensive (Apologetics)	Handouts and online clips assigned by Instructor
○ The Theology of the Body	<i>The Theology of the Body for Beginners</i> by Christopher West
○ Integration of Faith & Christianity	<i>Faith, Science and Reason</i> by Christopher Baglow
○ Discerning Spirits	Handouts on Ignatian Rules of Discernment and God's Will, Case Studies will be done in class
○ The Church Fathers	Handouts assigned by the Instructor

- **Online Book Study by Catholic Home Study Service** with Father Oscar Lukefahr  
[www.amm.org/chss.htm](http://www.amm.org/chss.htm)

- Father Oscar Lukefahr is the author of several books that can be read at your own pace and a question booklet is filled out on each chapter. You receive a book, and a workbook for a DONATION. You will get an online access so that as you fill out the workbook you enter the answers to that chapter. Results of the chapter are given and you are directed to the correct answer for any you answered incorrectly. (Great learning tool!) Certificates are generated by the Catholic Home Study at the completion of your course. Send a copy of the certificate from the Catholic Home Study to Diocese of Green Bay, Attn: Religious Education Certification, PO. 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305. Cost of the book study: donation (\$5-10).
  - Book courses Online approved for Ongoing Formation
    - The Catholic Guide to the Bible
    - The Privilege of Being Catholic
    - Christ's Mother & Ours
    - We Pray: Living in God's Presence
    - We Worship: A guide to the Catholic Mass

- **People with a BA or a MA** in Theology/Religious Studies/ Theological Studies or the Emmaus Certification who have **not had specific courses in the six components** are required to take them.
  - Examples: Person has never taken
    - Old Testament – Salvation History NEED to take Bible Foundation Component
    - Specific theology courses in each of the five components (Creed, Sacraments & Liturgy, Morality, Prayer & Spirituality) need to take these foundational courses
    - Methods in Faith Integration (School Teacher), Methods for Catechists
  
- **College Courses taken in Theology or Spirituality may be taken for Ongoing Formation**
  - Examples:
    - An approved college course for one credit suffices for one year of an approved course at the parish, or adult formation course sponsored by the diocesan adult formation program that has been approved for certification.
    - An approved college course for three credits suffices three years of an approved course at the parish, or adult formation course sponsored by the diocesan adult formation program that has been approved for certification.