

# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Directors & Coordinators of Religious Education

From: Deacon Kevin Staszkw  
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Re: Lay Formation for 2023 - 2024

The Office of Family and Faith Formation has published opportunities for Lay Formation for 2023 – 2024. Additionally, the following guidelines have been updated:

- Basic Catechist Certification
- Basic Minister Certification
- Certificate in Catholic Doctrine (Schools)
- Specialization Certification

Also included are the following:

- Updated application for Basic/Catechist Certification
- Updated application for Specialization Certification

A live workshop will be available online on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Please register here: [https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/lay\\_formation](https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/lay_formation)

All forms and guidelines, as well as the latest information on formation opportunities can be found at: [www.scd.org/layformation](http://www.scd.org/layformation)

If you have questions, please contact Lauralyn Solano at [lsolano@scd.org](mailto:lsolano@scd.org) or (916) 733-0153.

In Christ,

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## BASIC FORMATION

For those seeking knowledge of the Catholic Faith and how to share it. Completion of coursework can be applied toward Basic Certification. The Office of Family and Faith Formation offer an introduction to the Catholic Faith - Catechetical Foundations



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### Catechetical Foundations

May 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023

Sept. 4, 2023 - Dec. 29, 2023

Jan. 8, 2024 - April 29, 2024

May 6, 2024 - Aug. 30, 2024

Sept. 2, 2024 - Dec. 27, 2024

Learn more at:

[www.scd.org/catecheticalfoundations](http://www.scd.org/catecheticalfoundations)

## ONGOING FORMATION (LIFE-LONG LEARNING)

The Diocese of Sacramento seeks to offer constant, ongoing opportunities to grow our wisdom and knowledge. In addition to formation opportunities from the diocese, we have also partnered with other Catholic Institutions that provide courses, training and workshops. Currently we have a partnership with Notre Dame McGrath Institute, Franciscan Catechetical Institute and Augustine's FORMED program. These courses can be applied to Basic Certification Renewal

### Building Intercultural Competencies for Ministers (BICM)

Sept. 2023 - Feb. 2024

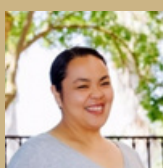
*\*Required for renewal*

The focus on cultural diversity is grounded on the urgent need to grow in knowledge and develop appropriate attitudes and skills for the purpose of carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize. One cannot preach, teach or form persons in the Catholic faith adequately without attending to the ways in which Catholic faith and identity become embodied in culture.

Proficiency in matters of culture and intercultural relations is an essential feature of the ongoing process of conversion by which the Gospel becomes life for people. - USCCB



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## MINISTRY FORMATION SERIES (SPECIALIZATION)

The Diocese of Sacramento offers a series of Ministry Specific Development or Specializations that aim to provide an intermediate level of holistic faith formation with focus on pastoral skills and spiritual development for lay leaders in particular ministry areas.

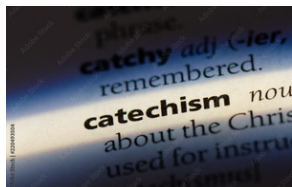
*\*In order to be awarded a specialization certificate, one must have completed their Basic Certification.*



### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

March 2023 - September 2023

March 2024 - September 2024



### CATECHESIS

May 2023 - October 2023

May 2024 - October 2024



### LITURGY

September 2023 - April 2024

September 2024 - April 2025



### CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

July 2023 - December 2023

July 2024 - December 2024



### YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT

April 2023 - July 2023

October 2023 - January 2024



### COMMUNICATION & EVANGELIZATION

May 2023



### SOCIAL CONCERNS/RESPECT LIFE

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