

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO ACADEMY FOR LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY
FORMATION AND CERTIFICATION OF PARISH CATECHISTS**

	Level 1 Expectations: Each person will: -participate in all hours of the workshop -bring required books listed on reverse -engage in an adult learning environment -participate in small group dynamics and process	Level 2 Requirements: Each person will: -complete Level 1 Certification. -complete Level 1 workshop <i>Foundations in Catechesis</i> . -spend one hour of study time for each hour in class. -participate in all Level 2 course sessions.	<i>All catechist certification application forms are available at http://www.archsa.org/academy Click on "Additional Documents, Forms & Informational Brochures."</i>	
CERTIFICATION	LEVEL 1 Basic	LEVEL 2 Intermediate	LEVEL 3 Advanced	LEVEL 4 Professional
WORKSHOPS COURSES	10 Workshops (60 clock hours total) -Catholic Identity -Church -Evangelization & Catechesis -Foundations in Catechesis (<i>prerequisite for Level 2</i>) -Holy Trinity -Methods for Catechesis -Moral Life -Sacraments -Sacred Scripture -Understanding the Mass	8 Courses (120 clock hours total) #204-Survey of the Old Testament #205-Survey of the New Testament* #211-The Church and Its History #216-Christian Living: Discipleship and Morality #217-Liturgy #218-Sacraments* #221- The Ministry of Catechesis: Theory and Practice #231-Maturing in Faith * Prerequisites apply	Undergraduate degree in one of these areas (or the equivalent): -Religious Education -Religious Studies -Theological Studies -must include catechetics or course #221 Certificate Program beyond Level 2 which meets a minimum of 100 clock hours.	Master's Degree in one of these areas: -Religious Education -Religious Studies -Theological Studies Degree plan must include a course in catechetics.
EXPERIENCE		1 year	2 years	3 years
ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE	For all levels: Ministry Supervisor Recommendation and Retreat Experiences			
EQUIVALENCY	-Online Level 1 Option	- <i>Echoes of Faith</i> Program using Academy Guidelines for Level 1.	-Any Catholic university theology or religious studies course credit is evaluated toward certification credit.	
VALID	4 years	4 years	8 years	8 years
RENEWAL	For all Levels: 10 clock hours enrichment annually – such as any Level 1 workshop or Level 2 course; online courses from a Catholic university; approved facilitated video courses; local, regional and national conferences.			