



Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry
Directory for Catechesis

DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR CATECHESIS

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PURPOSE

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis supports the mission and activities of the Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry, advises the staff on catechetical issues, and recommends areas of concern for development. The Council accomplishes these purposes through ongoing formation, study, prayer and community.

MEMBERSHIP

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis is normally composed of 12-16 members. Every effort will be made to ensure representation from each deanery, and various catechetical and other pastoral ministries. Potential members will be discerned and invited to consider serving on the Diocesan Council for Catechesis. Current Council members will select new members by consensus.

Service to the Council will begin the month of the first meeting following selection of the new member and will be for three years, once renewable.

MEETINGS

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis will normally convene six times between July 1 and June 30 of each year with the staff of the Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry. The Executive Committee may adjust the meeting frequency, time and location.

OFFICERS

The Council will discern at the last meeting of the year a chairperson and vice chairperson from those members who have completed at least one year of service. The term of service for officers will be for one year, once renewable. Officers and the Diocesan Director of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry will serve on the Executive Committee.

FORMATION

Ongoing formation of Council members will be discerned by the Executive Committee, or be recommended by Council members and confirmed by the Executive Committee, to further understanding of current realities impacting Faith Formation. New Papal and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) documents, national research studies, and local initiatives with direct correlation to the mission of the Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry and/or the Council for Catechesis will be incorporated into formation of the Council.

COMMITTEES

The majority of the work of the Council will be conducted within the designated session times. Occasionally, members may participate in research and/or resource development outside of the regular Council sessions at the invitation and/or request of the Council. Ad hoc committees may also be formed in response to perceived needs or actions of the Council.

DECISION MAKING

The Council will use a consensus decision-making process for operating procedures and recommendations to the staff.