



Catholic Distance University

Basic Certificate in Catechetics Program Objectives

This noncredit certificate program provides the catechist with the most essential knowledge and introductory skills needed for a beginning catechist. Those who complete this program should be able to:

- Explain the main truths of the Creed as developed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- Describe the fundamental principles of morality for the Christian discipleship.
- Define and describe the basic principles of the Church's liturgy, worship, and sacraments.
- Identify the basic elements of Christian prayer.
- Identify the qualifications, tasks, and documents for a catechist.
- Explain and apply the elements of a catechetical presentation or lesson.
- Summarize the characteristics of each of the four Gospels.
- Describe the Catholic approach for reading and using Sacred Scripture.
- Explain the Church's teaching regarding the canon of Sacred Scripture.