



Catholic Distance University

Certificate in Diocesan Lay Leadership Program Objectives

This noncredit certificate program provides a strong foundation in the documents of Vatican II and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and is designed for dioceses to use for certification of catechists and lay leaders. Those who complete this program should be able to:

- Explain the main points and teachings of *Lumen Gentium*, the Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.
- Explain the main truths of the Creed as developed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
- Describe the fundamental principles of morality for Christian discipleship.
- Define and describe the basic principles of the Church's liturgy, worship, and sacraments.
- Identify the basic elements of Christian prayer.
- Explain the Church's teaching on the Canon of Sacred Scripture.
- Summarize the characteristics of each of the four Gospels.