



# Parish Catechetical Leaders (PCL) Formation Program

This **three-part** Certification Formation program is provided by the Diocese of Fall River to promote the mission of Faith Formation. The goal is to encourage Parish Catechetical Leaders to strengthen their theological awareness as well as enhance their professional development and spirituality. The Office of Faith Formation defines PCLs as *any person responsible for* the faith formation of children, teens and/or adults in the parish. All Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited and encouraged to participate. The program is the effort of the Office of Faith Formation and the University of Notre Dame's Satellite Theology Program (STEP Online).

*Cost : \$80 per course*

**The three parts include: (1) Knowledge of Theology; (2) Professional Development; and (3) Spirituality**

## Part One: Knowledge of Theology

There are **two options** for completing Part One: (1) Hold a Degree in Theology or Religious Studies from a Catholic Institution; **OR** (2) Completion of the Notre Dame STEP On-line Theology Program

If option two is selected, the following seven courses provided by Notre Dame STEP are required:

- ~ Introduction to the Old Testament: The Pentateuch
  - ~ Introduction to the New Testament
  - ~ Doctrine of Salvation in Jesus Christ
  - ~ Liturgy: A Guide for the Perplexed
  - ~ The Christian Conscience and Ethical Dilemmas
  - ~ Eucharist: Source & Summit of the Christian Life
  - OR Catholic Social Teaching
  - ~ Defining Moments in the Roman Catholic Church
- (Not a ND Step Course, Offered by Office of Faith Formation)

## Part Two: Professional Development

Participants may select **no less than three** courses from the following STEP offerings. Some courses are concentration specific.

- ~ Mary as Mother
- ~ Emerging Models of Catechesis
- ~ On Christian Marriage
- ~ Catholic Social Teaching
- ~ The Creed: We Believe
- ~ RCIA: Can We Get the Rite Right
- ~ In God's Image: Mystery of Creation
- ~ Theology of the Body
- ~ Youth Ministry 101/ 202

## Part Three: Spirituality

For **each year** participants are involved in the program, there are **two options** for fulfilling Part Three:

**Option 1:** Attend **TWO** Days of Reflection offered by the Office of Faith Formation or other retreat center  
(please check the website for various offerings: [www.fallriverfaithformation.org](http://www.fallriverfaithformation.org))

**Option 2:** Attend a retreat of your choice each year that is **comparable to 10 hours or more.**

