

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE  
Online/Moodle Training for Catechesis for Family Life 2014

**Catechesis for Family Life Teacher Training FLT101 – Moodle Platform/Equip**

This is an outline of the online training for teaching Catechesis for Family Life. Participants may register individually and follow each step of the training, moving from Part 1 through Part 7. At the end of Part 7, take the Teacher Inventory and set goals for yourself for teaching Catechesis for Family Life. You may stop and resume the training as needed, **but it may be completed in about 2-3 hours**. You print a certificate of training when you complete all parts.

**For Each Participant**

- Teacher edition of your Basic Religion series
- Teacher edition (TE) of 2010 edition of *Family Life* for the grade you teach
- Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Reference:** Review the Goals of Family Life Catechesis

1. Provide Catholic teaching on moral living
2. Present skills and virtues for Catholic family living
3. Help families address the complex issues of contemporary life
4. Place human sexuality within the context of Catholic family moral living
5. Offer child safety education for children and their parents/guardians

**Sessions**

1. **Goal One** Provide Catholic teaching on moral living
  - a. **Video:** Fr. Eric Arnold speaking on the importance of intentional moral catechesis as part of faith formation.
  - b. **Journal Activity:** Why is a positive moral and Christian message needed? What are some cultural messages that negatively influence young peoples' beliefs and behaviors?
  - c. **Power Point Presentation as Video** "Christian Values about Sexuality: Review of Catholic Moral Teaching."
  - d. **Resource:** Catechism of the Catholic Church references (handout #1)
  - e. **Activity:** Choose one topic on the handout. Look up the Catechism reference. A parent has asked you what Catholics believe about this topic. How would you answer her in 60 words or less?
  
2. **Goal Two:** Present skills and virtues for Catholic family living
  - a. Video Sr. Sally Russell on foundational documents and elements of catechesis for Family Life.
  - b. **Activity:** Know about the Family Life textbook resource. Read Teacher edition of *Family Life* pp. 6-10 and 13.
  - c. **Video:** 5 Themes of Family Life with Dr. David Thomas
  - d. **Activity: Read** TE 18-19
  - e. **Explore the online resources for Family Life series at** [www.rclbfamilylife.com](http://www.rclbfamilylife.com) Passwords supplied.

- f. **Journal Post:** Identify one resource on the webpage that you want to explore in the future and explain why.
3. **Goal Three** Help families address the complex issues of contemporary life
  - a. **Video.** Partnering with Parents. Margaret Brogden
  - b. **Activity:** Forum post: How will you keep in touch with the children’s parents while teaching Family Life?
  - c. **Video: Power Point Video:** *Partnering with Parents – The Catechist’s Role*
  - d. **Activity:** “How Should a Catechist Respond”
4. **Goal Four** Place human sexuality within the context of Catholic family moral living
  - a. **Video:** Dr. Tim Hogan
  - b. **Review the Key Issues Chart:** shows grade level and chapter in which Family Life series addresses a topic
  - c. **Journal Post:** What topic at my student’s grade level do I find challenging? Locate the topic in the Student Edition and read it. After reviewing this topic as presented in Family Life text, what did you learn that will help you teach this topic?
5. **Goal Five** Offer child safety education for children and their parents/guardians
  - a. **Video** Child Safety:–Alison D’Alessandro on Archdiocesan requirements from Equip Servant Leadership course (edited as needed). (replaces former Alison video)
  - b. **Resource:** Review *Positive Messages*, handout #4.
  - c. **Activity:** Find and read the child safety elements in each unit of the *Family Life* teacher guide, identified by a multi-colored dotted box. Name examples of 3 of the *Positive Messages* in the teacher guide and how each is relevant to the lesson.
  - d. **Resource:** Review the Child Safety Scope and Sequence for Family Life here
  - e. **Activity: Forum Post** What are the benefits of teaching safety in the context of catechesis about healthy relationships?
6. **How will I Teach?**
  - a. **Video:** How Will I teach?: Dr. Lauri Przybysz - Demonstration of integrating a Family Life Lesson into a regular lesson on a similar theme in a basic religion book.
  - b. **Activity:** Look at the table of contents of Family Life student text and the Table of Contents of your Basic Religion book. Choose a lesson from each book that has a related faith theme. How could you combine these two lessons into one 60-minute timeframe? Use the lesson plan form posted below. **Complete the Lesson Plan form and print.** Give copy to DRE or Principal along with Certificate of Training (see Section 7)
7. **Final Directions: Upon completion of this training, turn in these 3 documents to your administrator:**
  - i. Lesson Plan
  - ii. Self-Assessment
  - iii. Certificate
  - b. **Complete and Print a Copy - Self-assessment.**
  - c. **Complete Course evaluation**
  - d. **Print Certificate of Training.**