

ECHOES OF FAITH

LEVEL I MINISTRY CERTIFICATION EQUIVALENCY

CATECHIST TRAINING SERIES AND RESOURCE FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In 2003, the Diocese of Tucson officially adopted the *Echoes of Faith* catechist training series as a means to assist parishes in the training and formation of their catechetical leaders at all levels. This series was developed by the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership and is now published and distributed by Resources for Christian Living (RCL).

What is Echoes of Faith?

Echoes of Faith is a video-assisted basic catechist formation program. It is designed for the formation and enrichment of parish catechists and Catholic school religion teachers. It is also effective for general adult formation and small Christian community reflection.

The series contains 13 modules of learning, with a video and a workbook to go with each module. These modules include 5 theology topics, 3 catechetical topics, and 5 methods topics. The entire series is now also available in Spanish (*Ecos de Fe*).

How is this series available to parishes?

The Diocesan Office of Catechesis and Department of Catholic Schools highly recommend that each parish/school purchase the entire series for parish use, or to partner with one or two other parishes in purchasing this series. A description of the series is included on the following pages. The Office of Catechesis has purchased sets in English and Spanish, which parishes can borrow. As this service, however, is on a first come, first served basis, videos are not always available when needed for parish use.

Is training available in use of the Echoes of Faith?

Yes. In fact, initial training was held in different parts of the diocese in August of 2003. Parish coordinators or facilitators of the *Echoes of Faith* should attend a training/orientation session in how this process is designed and how to effectively implement this series. This training has continued to be provided through the Offices of Catechesis and Catholic Schools in collaboration with the Jordan Ministry Team. Both diocesan offices can be reached at 520-792-3410, and the Jordan Ministry Team at 520-623-2563.