

DIOCESE OF TUCSON MINISTRY CERTIFICATION

*"Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation."
(Mk 16:15)*

"The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ." (From Catechesis Tradendi #5, Catechism of the Catholic Church #426, General Directory for Catechesis # 80.)

"Lay persons who devote themselves permanently or temporarily to some special service of the Church are obligated to acquire the appropriate formation which is required to fulfill their function properly and to carry it out conscientiously, zealously, and diligently." (Canon 231)

Vision and Mission

The vision of the Diocese of Tucson Ministry Certification Process is both reflected in and embraced by the above quotations taken from Sacred Scripture, major catechetical documents of the Church, and from Canon Law. The mission of this process is to promote, within the diocese, sufficient formation in the faith, and training in appropriate pastoral skills, for all who serve in parishes and Catholic Schools.

Level I Ministry Certification: Overall Goals

Content:

Provide systematic instruction to Catholics in the fundamentals of Sacred Scripture, Theology, Morality and Spirituality;
Introduce the participants to methodologies applicable to many areas of ministry.

Spirituality:

Encourage the participants to deepen their understanding of their own baptismal call to discipleship;
Awaken them to an appreciation of the ongoing character of spiritual growth and formation in their faith.

Ministry in the Church and in the World:

Equip the participant with the skill needed to be more effective ministers of the Gospel within the Church, within their families and in society.