

The Level Two Formation course consist of 120 hours of study and prepares the catechist to work with Level II child (ages 6 to 9). The catechist will become grounded in both theory and praxis, in order to create and facilitate a Level II atrium in a parish setting. The following topics are covered:

- **The developmental and religious characteristics of the 6-9 yr. old child:** Catechists will learn the important aspects of the child's development, focusing particularly on the rich scriptural & liturgical heritage of our sacramental tradition.
- **The Trinitarian God:** Catechists will study the Traditional Trinitarian prayer language of the Church, especially in the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist along with a study of several Johannine parables and narratives in Jesus' life that speak of the relationship of the Father, Son, and Spirit.
- **The Economy of Salvation/Salvation History:** Catechists, focusing on the three key moments of Creation, Redemption, and Parousia, come to understand how the 6-9 year old child is introduced to God's Reign as it has unfolded in time.
- **The Life of Jesus Christ (Incarnation and Pascal Mystery):** Catechists will continue a deeper study of the mystery of Christ through the geography and core events surrounding his Birth, Death, and Resurrection and Ascension. Common themes or threads that permeate these stories e.g. the presence of the Spirit, the juxtaposition of great and small, etc. will be covered.
- **The Teachings of Jesus Christ:** Catechists will study the image of the True Vine and Christ's unique role in this Kingdom and to begin to explore its social implications. 'Moral' parables are introduced as the child increases in her/his desire to understand what it means to live in this Kingdom.
- **The Church:** Catechists, through presentations on Baptism, Eucharist and images of Christ from Scripture, will explore what it means to be Church.
- **The Liturgical and Sacramental Life of the Church:** Catechists will study key moments of the Rites of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and their accompanying prayer.
- **Christian Morality and Catholic Social Justice** teaching Catechists will discover how the firm foundation of love and listening established in the 3-6 atrium experience prepares the 6-9 year old child to hear key moral parables and maxims in the teaching of Jesus.

- **Prayer:** Catechists will study more structured forms of communal prayer, especially through the practice of the Liturgy of the Hours. The Our Father is studied as a particularly treasured prayer in the Church.
- **Education to Community Life:** Catechists will learn guidelines and practices for harmonious communal living, directly addressing and discussing — in context of the atrium community, the relation to the larger world we live in.