

Christ in the Classroom Catechetical Certification For Catholic School Administrators and Teaching Faculty

The Christ in the Classroom Program (CIC) has been designed to communicate core premises of the Catholic faith so Catholic school administrators and teaching faculty (certified or pending certification; Catholic or non-Catholic) can teach students by **centering all aspects of school life in the person of Jesus Christ**.

Christ in the Classroom Foundation:

Annual Catechetical Certification for Catholic Schools

The Christ in the Classroom Foundation is intended to be a starting point, not a destination, rather a catechetical foundation for all Catholic schools. The Christ in the Classroom Foundation invests in the school administrators and the teaching faculty of the school community to respond to our vocational call to pass on the gift of our Catholic faith to all in our care. The Christ in the Classroom Foundation (CIC Foundation) is required for **ALL** Catholic school administrators and teaching faculty (PreK - 12) annually. The OCS will provide annual retreat opportunities that support the implementation of the pre-kindergarten to 12th grade religion standard key concepts.

Christ in the Classroom Level I:

Requirements for Teaching Faculty and School Leaders

1. ALL teachers responsible for teaching the PreK – 12 Religion Standards/Curriculum shall have up to three years to complete Christ in the Classroom Program (CIC) Level I Catechetical Certification through The Symbolon series, a CCP program from the Augustine Institute, that has been vetted and approved by OCS. **Terms of the Symbolon license:** Once the teacher redeems and activates the Symbolon license/seat and the teacher will have 365 days to complete the coursework.
2. Requirements for Level One Catechetical Certification through Christ in the Classroom
 - i. All elementary school administrators - Level I is required for those who are charged to “motivate and supervise the teaching staff in the development, maintenance and improvement of the Religion program and other areas of the curriculum” (Language from the Principal Covenants).
 - ii. Secondary Administrators - Level I Catechetical Certification is highly encouraged for those who are charged to “motivate and supervise the teaching staff in the development, maintenance and improvement of the Religion program and other areas of the curriculum” (Language from the Principal Covenants) but not required.
3. CIC Level I Catechetical Certification would be granted to those school administrators and teaching faculty who have attained the OCS Catechetical Certification Program (CCP) documentation or will attain it by July 31, 2018. It is highly recommended to seek out these leaders to serve as consultants on the local CIC Leadership Team.
4. Level I Catechetical Certification for Catholic schools can be achieved individually and/or through a school faculty-led initiative using the approved program. (Approved program: The Symbolon series through the Augustine Institute. Once the teacher redeems and activates the Symbolon license/seat and they will have 365 days to complete the coursework.)

Office for Catholic Schools Policy for Catechetical Certification for Catholic Schools

2.1 (A) The Christ in the Classroom Foundation (CIC Foundation) is required for ALL Catholic school administrators and teaching faculty (PreK-12) annually.

2.1 (B) ALL teachers responsible for teaching the PreK – 12 Religion Curriculum and Standards must be practicing Catholics, authentic witnesses to the faith, and participating in the Christ in the Classroom Program - Level I Catechetical Certification for Catholic schools. Teachers shall have up to three years to complete Christ in the Classroom Program (CIC) Level I Catechetical Certification through a program that has been vetted and approved by OCS.

2.1 (C) ALL elementary school administrators must be practicing Catholics, authentic witnesses to the faith, and participating in the Christ in the Classroom Program - CIC Foundation and Level I Catechetical Certification for Catholic schools.

2.1 (D) ALL secondary school administrators must be practicing Catholics, authentic witnesses to the faith, and participating in the Christ in the Classroom Program – CIC Foundation. Level I Catechetical Certification for Catholic schools is highly encouraged for secondary administrators.

2.1 (E) CIC Level I Catechetical Certification would be granted to those school administrators and teaching faculty who have attained the Office for Catholic Faith Formation (OCFF) Catechetical Certification Program (CCP) documentation or will attain it by July 31, 2018.

- It is highly recommended to seek out these leaders to serve as consultants on the local CIC Leadership Team.

2.1 (F) Teachers and administrators with advanced degrees in theology/religious studies from an accredited Catholic university, or those transferring into the Archdiocese with a Catechist Certification from another diocese, will participate in approved OCS CIC programs as appropriate.