



# VOCARE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Continuous Conversion, Lifelong Formation

## YOUTH EVANGELIZER: PARISH CATECHIST

All Youth Evangelizers are required to complete 10 credits annually in the Archdiocesan Vocare certification program. This was mandated by our Archbishop; however, there is an 'ease in' process for new Parish Catechists. Credits can be a combination of courses and events that promote the faith formation of the Parish Catechist. The Vocare year aligns with the fiscal year: July 1 to June 30.

While it is possible to take any course in the Vocare Store at any time, it is highly recommended that new Parish Catechists follow the path described below. This sequence of courses will give new Parish Catechists a well-rounded presentation of the basics of our faith. In addition, periodically during the certification process, a lesson presented to the youth by the Parish Catechist is observed by the Catechetical Leader so that mentoring is facilitated.

Parish Catechists are the heart and soul of youth evangelization in the parish! Whether working with young children or teens, the Parish Catechist is the face of Christ for those in their care. Through their interactions, the Parish Catechist invites youth to an ever-deepening friendship with Christ.

### *Recommended* Course of Study for New Parish Catechists

Year 1: 4 Vocare credits → the 4-credit **Call: Foundations** course (#1 of 3)

Year 2: 6 Vocare credits → both 3-credit **Call** courses (**Pillars of Faith** #2 of 3, and **Spirituality and Formation** #3 of 3)

Year 3 and following: 10 Vocare credits → complete **Witness** courses  
→ continue with the **Proclaim** courses  
→ complete the **Inspire** course  
→ choose any course from the Vocare Store