



# DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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## OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

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Dear Pastors,

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to be offering once again the Catechist Formation Program beginning in August of 2023. This is a year-long program of formation, suitable for those serving in catechetical ministries within the parish. Hosted by Dayton University's *Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation* and led by facilitators and catechetical leaders both locally and beyond, this program will comprise of a combination of six online courses, group Zoom gatherings, and an end-of-session retreat at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster.

The application process for this program will be managed by our office; however, candidates will require Pastor endorsement for enrollment. This is to ensure participant accountability to their parish and parish leadership in regards to the implementation of skill development. Your engagement throughout the process of the program is encouraged and we will keep you updated on participant progress.

### Program Timeline:

- **Registration:** Opens Monday, June 5, 2023
- **Courses Begin:** Monday, August, 28, 2023
- **Courses End:** July 2024, exact date TBA
- **End of year retreat day at Mount Mary:** Saturday, June 8, 2024
- **Blessing of Program Participants at Local Parishes:** Sunday, September 15, 2024

Fees are payable to Dayton University at time of course registration and are \$50 USD per course. Textbooks are regularly made available through the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis or Bishop Farrell Library.

Attached is the course outline as well as a flyer which can be included with your weekly bulletin or shared with individuals you think may benefit or be interested in this program. More information can be found by visiting [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

Thank you for your support of this initiative, if you have any questions please contact me at [cmines@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:cmines@hamiltondiocese.com)

Yours in Christ,

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