

CATECHIST LICENSE

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Required Training for Licensed Lay Ministries (Title III Canon 4: Of Licensed Ministries)

Introduction: “A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.” Canon 4.1(a)

Catechist: “A Catechist is a lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and shall function under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.” Canon III.4.8

Training for a Catechist will include:

- Church doctrine as set for in the creeds and catechism
- Understanding of Rites of Baptism, Confirmation and Reaffirmation
- Working knowledge of Holy Scripture
- Working knowledge of *Book of Common Prayer*

General information regarding licensure:

- All licenses will expire December 31 of even years.
- Applicants may attend training at any congregation in the diocese. Churches are encouraged to open their training to persons of any congregation in the diocese. It is the sponsoring clergy person’s responsibility to ensure that the proper required training has been undertaken prior to licensure.
- Yearly continuing education is expected of all licensed ministers in consultation with his/her local priest.
- The Commission on Ministry may choose to sponsor continuing education opportunities within the diocese for licensed lay ministers.