

# Searchlight® Virtual School

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<b>Searchlight® Virtual School Essentials</b>	<b>Catechist Certification Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced</b>	<b>Youth Evangelizer Certification</b> Religious Education Courses for Grades 7 and Up*
<b>Computer Requirements:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. High Speed Internet Connection</li> <li>2. *Adobe® Acrobat® Reader: To open and use the electronic forms and course materials</li> <li>3. *Adobe Shockwave® Player: To view and interact with the online tutorial portion of each course</li> <li>4. *Adobe Flash® Player: To view and interact with visual and audio components of the web site</li> </ol> <p>* Free Internet Downloads: Adobe.com</p>	<b>Basic Certification (Foundation Certificate for Teachers)</b> <p><b>Complete these courses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundational Principles and Practices for Catechists</li> <li>• Getting to Know Vatican II</li> <li>• Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</li> <li>• Catechesis: Passing on the Faith <i>An Overview of the General Directory for Catechesis</i></li> </ul>	<b>Basic Youth Evangelizer Certification</b> <p><b>Complete these courses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searchlight on Faith: The Basics</li> <li>• Deepening Your Knowledge and Faith in the Person of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• Confirmation: Seven Symbols in One Sacrament</li> </ul>
<b>Enrollment Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the “Enrollment Process” button and follow the five-step procedure</li> <li>• Submit the enrollment application (electronically or by mail)</li> <li>• Schedule your “Orientation Phone Conference”</li> </ul>	<b>Intermediate Certification (Level 1 Certificate for Teachers)</b> <p><b>Complete these courses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building a Culture of Life: The Church’s Social Teachings</li> <li>• Living Vatican II Today</li> </ul>	<b>Intermediate Youth Evangelizer Certification</b> <p><b>Complete these courses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemporary Issues Course</li> <li>• Building a Culture of Life: The Church’s Social Teachings</li> <li>• The Scorpion Files</li> </ul>
<b>Subscription Cost:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Certification: \$30*</li> <li>• Intermediate Certification: \$30*</li> <li>• Advanced Certification – School of Christian Formation Online Courses: \$10 per course</li> </ul> <p>* The subscription costs are the same for adult and youth courses. It is up to the individual parishes to determine what the reimbursement policy will be for their Catechists.</p>	<b>Advanced Certification (Level 2-3 Certificate for Teachers) School of Christian Formation Online Division</b> <p><b>Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic and Intermediate Certificate for Catechists or Foundation and Level 1 Certificate for Teachers</li> <li>• Complete the School of Christian Formation Courses</li> </ul>	<p>*These courses are approved for the Diocese of Palm Beach. It is up to each parish to decide if these courses may be undertaken in lieu of parish classes.</p> <p><b>Confirmation Preparation:</b> Students taking online courses must still participate at the parish level in required preparation activities, i.e. Confirmation Retreat, etc.</p>

**Note:** Catechists who have earned the Basic and Intermediate Certification through the Searchlight® Virtual School automatically receive credit for the Vatican II and Social Doctrine courses upon enrollment in the School of Christian Formation, but must complete the remaining ten courses to obtain the Advanced Catechist Certification. These courses can be completed entirely online, entirely on-site (in the classroom), or through a combination of both. Teachers in Catholic Schools should check the Certification Guidelines for Advanced Certification available through the Office of Catechetical Leadership and Youth Ministry Formation.

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