



VISION *faith* SKILLS *formation*

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Religious Education

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation (VSFF)

A formation based on the philosophy of missionary discipleship, accompaniment, adults at the center and the catechumenal process model for catechesis.

This formation builds on the process of accompaniment introduced and modeled in the **ONE MISSION ONE FAITH (OMOF)** basic formation. Each participant will be paired with a mentor-companion and assigned to a small group of mentees-companions in ministry. Together they will journey through the process aimed at presenting skills for making missionary disciples. The terms 'mentor-companion' and 'mentee-companion' are used to distinguish roles and acknowledge the reciprocity of companionship along the way.

VSFF is a training opportunity for anyone involved in Faith formation programs in their parish. It will equip leaders with the knowledge and skills to be witnesses of the faith and to accompany those they serve (adults, families, young adults, youth, and children) in their journey of missionary discipleship.

Prerequisite: Completion of **One Mission One Faith** before attending this course.

VSFF is the second phase in the process of becoming a certified catechist, although a participant may take the course for enriching formation in any parish ministry.

FORMATION COMPONENTS:

VSFF is composed of Zoom Live and online sessions. The components of each session are prayer, presentations, video recordings, readings, online forums, group projects, small-group conversations, etc.



Vision and Skills for Faith Formation Overview of Content

Phase II for Catechist Formation

A hybrid (combine) formation program with online and Zoom live sessions.

All Zoom Live and Online sessions are integral to the course and build on each other, all are required.

Any missing Zoom live session will need to be made up in a future cohort.

Online sessions run for one week each; participants can access the content and complete the work at their own pace during each week.

OUTLINE

Introductions and Mission of the Church (Mission, Discipleship, Evangelization, Catechesis, Accompaniment in the process of Evangelization, Attentive Listening, etc.)

Root of all Catechesis in Adult Formation, Catechumenate Model for catechesis with emphasis on Mystagogy.

Accompaniment through Ages and Stages (Getting to know the generations, Human Development Theories, Followers Stages of Faith, Pastoral Guidelines for Catechesis with Different Groups.

Understanding How We Learn, Learning Styles, Gardner's Theory, Multiple Intelligences, Evaluation, Assessment and Feedback as tools for learning.

Facilitation & Teaching with the People We Serve, Effective facilitation, Functions of a facilitator, Facilitation and accompaniment, teacher and educator, virtual facilitation, the art of questioning.

Facilitating and Teaching - Evaluating Resources, Echoing Christ Himself

Processes For Integrating Learning, Collaboration - Cultural Diversity - Synodality in Ministry, Faith Formation Strategies, Session Planning.

Practical Application Laboratory, Process for integrating skills.

Contact information:

Elizabeth Argueta

Catechist Formation Assistant
EArgueta@la-archdiocese.org or 213-637-7358

Flor de Maria Luna

Coordinator of Catechist Formation
Fluna@la-archdiocese.org or 213-637-7654

Please look for upcoming cohorts [HERE](#) or visit
ADLA Store