

VISION faith SKILLS formation

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Religious Education

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation (VSFF) Cohort 7—Summer 2025

A formation based on the philosophy of missionary discipleship, accompaniment with adults at the center and the catechumenate 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 to gaining the vision and 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 with adult faith formation at the center.

Prerequisite for certification (re): 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 sessions and online sessions. The components of each session are prayer, presentations, video recordings, readings, online forums, group projects, small-group conversation, etc.





VSFF Summer 2025 —Cohort 7 Schedule Phase II for Catechist Formation

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

Zoom Live session will be held on Wednesdays, please see details below.

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

required.

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

Thursday July 17, 2025, 6 to 9:00pm	Live Zoom	Session 1 —Introduction and Mission of the Church - relationship of evangelization and catechesis—Attentive Listening and Dialogue.
Thursday July 24, 2025, 6 to 9 pm	Live Zoom	Session 2 —Root of all Catechesis in Adult Faith Formation, The Catechumen Process model for
July 28—Aug. 3, 2025	Online	Session 3 —Accompaniment through ages and stages—Pastoral guidelines with different age groups
August 4—10, 2025	Online	Session 4 —Understanding How We Learn— Adults at the center of Evangelization and Cat- echesis
Thursday August 14, 2025 7 to 9 pm	Zoom Live Integration	Integration Session— Prayer, small-group conversation and process to integrate online session.
August 18—24, 2025	Online	Session 5 —Facilitation and accompanying with The People We Serve, Evaluating Re- sources.
August 28, 2025, 6 to 9 PM	Live Zoom	Session 6 — Processes for Integrating Learning as Ministry Leaders (Faith Formation Strategies, Cate- chetical Method, collaboration, diversity, synodal- ity, etc.)
September 4, 2025, 6 to 9 pm	Live Zoom	Session 7 — Laboratory of Learning —Process for integrating skills

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