



VISION *faith* SKILLS *formation*

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Religious Education

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation (VSFF) Cohort 9—Summer 2026

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 2026 —Cohort 9 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 Mondays, please see details below.
All Zoom Live and Online sessions are integral to the course and build on each other, **all are required.**

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| Monday July 20, 2026, 6 to 9:00pm | Live Zoom | Session 1 —Evangelizing Catechesis and its kerygmatic approach. The Catechist and how the identity of catechesis is expressed.—The Catechetical Method —The Art of Listening and Dialogue. |
| Monday July 27, 2026, 6 to 9 pm | Live Zoom | Session 2 —Root of all Catechesis in Adult Faith Formation, The Catechumen Process model for Catechesis.—Collaboration, Diversity and Synodality. |
| Aug. 3—9, 2026 | Online | Session 3 —Accompaniment through ages and stages—Pastoral guidelines with different age groups |
| August 10—16, 2026 | Online | Session 4 —Understanding How We Learn—Adults at the center of Evangelization and Catechesis |
| Monday August 17, 2026 6 to 8 pm | Zoom Live Integration | Session 5 —Integrating Sessions 3 and 4 — Planning Prayer and Adaptive Designed Approach. Special Project. |
| August 24—30, 2026 | Online | Session 6 —Facilitating and Teaching— Accompanying People We Serve, Evaluating Resources. |
| Monday August 31, 2026, 6 to 9 PM | Live Zoom | Session 7 — Planning Prayer Project (all groups) Methodology in Catechesis—To Teach as Jesus Did! The Art of Story Telling.—Session Planning Laboratory. |
| Monday September 14, 2026, 6 to 9 pm | Live Zoom | Session 8 — Laboratory of Learning —Process for integrating skills—Multigenerational Planning |
| Monday September 21, 2026, 6 to 9 pm | Live Zoom | Session 9 — Additional session For CBI group Laboratory Scripture presentations |



Formation fee \$45.00 – Registration coming up

For further details visit Catechist Formation /VSFF on our web page: <https://lacatholics.org/vision-and-skills-for-faith-formation/>

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