

California Catechist  
Certification– BCF  
Alternative Method



1. Completion within the last 5 years of a Degree or Certificate Program in Religious Studies, Catechesis or Theology from a Catholic College or University that reflects knowledge in the content areas delineated in the knowledge/methodology section.
2. Proven experience in catechesis.
3. A current Catechist Certificate from a diocese outside of California with evidence of on-going professional development and proven experience in catechesis.
4. Connection with the Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of San Francisco so as to become familiar with and participate in local formation programs.
5. A letter of recommendation from the parish or deanery pastor or catechetical leader.
6. Commissioning of the catechist by the Pastor or Parish Catechetical Leader.