

# CREDENTIALING INFORMATION SUMMARY

FOR DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR OF PARISH CATECHESIS/YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

## WHAT IS A CREDENTIAL?

To be 'credentialed' simply means that one has the necessary qualifications to be a leader in the parish in the areas of either catechesis or youth evangelization. There is a broad scope of ministerial and professional skills and competencies necessary to be effective as a parish catechetical or youth evangelization leader that can be learned and developed. In their document 'Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord', the US Bishops target four areas of development for those in lay ecclesial ministry: Human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation.

## WHAT TYPES OF CREDENTIALS DOES THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX GRANT?

In the areas of catechesis (including children's and adult catechesis) or youth evangelization, the Diocese of Phoenix grants a credential as either a 'Coordinator' or 'Director'.

## SUMMARY OF CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Intellectual and Pastoral Education

- A. Degree: Bachelors (Coordinator) or Masters (Director) in Theology or equivalent.
- B. The Department of Family Catechesis January Leadership Conference in for Parish Catechetical and Youth Evangelization Leaders.

### 2. Catechetical and Administrative Experience

Actual experience in performing the tasks required for parish leadership is essential. Prior, successful experience is needed both as a catechist and as an administrator. 2 to 3 years experience required.

### 3. Continuing Education

Twenty (20) Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for each three-year period that has elapsed since completion of the degree/certificate are required. It is not necessary for the continuing education units to have been completed during any particular time period since the degree/certificate was awarded.

### 4. Human and Spiritual Development

Because of the importance of human and spiritual formation, each applicant for credentialing must submit references on their behalf testifying to the competencies in these areas. References include, pastor, co-worker at the parish, people served and a credentialed mentor.

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Equivalencies can be granted in each of the areas above. Applications are processed in the Spring and are available online at:

[www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org](http://www.catecheticalleadershipphx.org)