



Formation for Teachers of Religion in Catholic Elementary Schools

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is partnering with the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to provide high-quality, online, non-credit courses for certification. Elementary Teachers of Religion must take the full complement of 6 VLCFF courses within 3 years to fulfill TCCB ED requirements.

Required Courses (25 Clock Hours Each)

1. Images of Jesus
2. Introduction to Christian Morality
3. Introduction to Scripture
4. Survey of Catholic Doctrine
5. Introduction to Liturgy
6. Evangelization and Discipleship

Course Fees

The fee for each of the six online courses is \$50 and is paid directly to the University of Dayton. Some courses require textbooks, which are an additional cost.

Lay Ministry Formation Fund (LMFF)

Lay Ministry Formation Funds are available for VLCFF courses. LMFF applications must be received 30 days prior to beginning any course. Applications will not be accepted for courses already in progress or completed.

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2025–2026 Course Calendar

The University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)

Click on the course title to read a description of the course.

2025 Schedule

Cycle 1: January 19–February 22, 2026

- ◆ *Registration Opens: October 29, 2025; Registration Closes: January 14, 2026*
- ◆ [Images of Jesus](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Christian Morality](#)
- ◆ [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

Cycle 2: March 9–March 29, 2026

3 week e-seminars only

- ◆ *Registration Opens: January 21, 2026; Registration Closes: March 5, 2026*
- ◆ *No required certification courses being offered see the University of Dayton schedule of continual education courses being offered.*

Cycle 3: April 13–May 12, 2026 (3 week e-seminars only)

- ◆ *Registration Opens: March 11, 2026; Registration Closes: April 9, 2026*
- ◆ [Evangelization and Discipleship](#)
- ◆ [Images of Jesus](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- ◆ [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

Cycle 4: June 1, 2026- July 5, 2026

- ◆ *Registration Opens: April 15, 2026; Registration Closes: May 28, 2026*
- ◆ [Images of Jesus](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Christian Morality](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- ◆ [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

Cycle 5: July 20, 2026–August 23, 2026

Registration Opens: June 3, 2026; Registration Closes: July 16, 2026

- ◆ [Images of Jesus](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Liturgy](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- ◆ [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

Cycle 6: September 7, 2026–October 11, 2026

Registration Opens: July 22, 2026; Registration Closes: September 3, 2026

- ◆ [Images of Jesus](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- ◆ [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

Cycle 7: October 26, 2026–November 29, 2026

Registration Opens: September 9, 2026; Registration Closes: October 22, 2026

- ◆ [Evangelization and Discipleship](#)
- ◆ [Images of Jesus](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Scripture](#)
- ◆ [Introduction to Christian Morality](#)
- ◆ [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

The Archdiocesan Formation for Elementary Teachers of Religion is valid for 4 years. Ten (10) hours of Continuing Formation (CF) credit required annually after completion. CF credit includes Workshops & conferences of religious nature sponsored by Catholic Institutions, Retreats, and *Assembly*.

Equivalencies

Certain college courses may also qualify for equivalency if it is determined that there is satisfactory parity in content. CDU courses begun by February 29, 2020, may still be counted.

All dates and offerings are subject to change. The information is up to date as of September 1, 2026.