

FAQs for Pathways: *Delivered*

1. How is Catechist Certification Achieved?

Pathways: *Delivered* is a three-part, tiered system for Catechist Certification in the Diocese of Richmond.

Level One Catechist: A beginning catechist or religion teacher for children, youth, family, and/or adult formation completes introductory training on becoming a catechist via the *Catholic Faith Technologies* LEARN portal found at <http://learn.richmonddiocese.org>

Courses:

- Vocation of the Catechist
- Catholic Approach to Scripture
- Catholic Tradition

Level Two Catechist: A catechist or religion teacher who has already been serving for a year completes a methods training (best practices, teaching strategies, common challenges, and opportunities) to further their catechetical skills in a specific age-group.

Courses:

- Methods in Adult Formation
- Methods in Youth Formation (6-12)
- Methods in Children Formation (PreK-5)
- Methods in Family Formation

Level Three Catechist: A catechist completes continuing education based on specific needs and interests. Examples include: First Sacraments, RCIA, ethics and morality, etc.

- 2. How do I register for Pathways: *Delivered*?** Register through your catechetical leader or teacher. When they register you, you will receive an email from admin@catholicfaithtech.com with a log-in (your email) and a password. You will have an opportunity to change your password once you log-on. The first time you log on, you will be asked to choose a “group.” This is your primary parish or school. Please either search by zip-code or alphabetically to find your group.

Please note: Direct any questions to learn@richmonddiocese.org

- 3. Where do I log in?** Log in using our Diocesan LEARN portal: <https://learn.richmonddiocese.org> only. Please note that if you log onto any other site associated with Catholic Faith Technologies, your login will not work.

4. I am unsure of my username, password, or am locked out of my account. Who do I contact?

For all technical support, including password and username retrieval, please contact learn@richmonddiocese.org

5. Is Pathways: Delivered offered in Spanish? The Office of Christian Formation offers catechist certification in both English and Spanish. Courses for both languages are available in the online store.

6. What is the cost for Pathways: Delivered? The cost of each course is available in the online store, and these costs are typically paid by the parish or school. Check with your particular location for instructions on ordering your courses.

7. I am not connected to a catechetical program or school, but I am still interested in taking these courses. What can I do? All are welcome! Please contact learn@richmonddiocese.org to set up your account.

TIER 1 QUESTIONS:

8. How long will Pathways: Delivered take to complete? The level one lessons for Pathways: *Delivered* are estimated to take about 4 hours to complete.

9. Once I begin a course, do I need to complete a lesson in one session? Can I stop and restart? You have the ability to go through the lessons at your own pace. You may stop and restart a course at any point. Your progress is tracked and saved through the system.

10. How do I take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory? With gratitude to St. Thomas Parish in Wichita, Kansas, we are able to access the Spiritual Gifts Inventory free of charge for our Pathways: *Delivered* Users. To begin, simply scroll down the page and answer the first question: "Please tell us, are you a parishioner of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church?" You will select "No, I am not a parishioner." It will then ask you if you reside outside the diocese, which you will respond "yes." Finally, it asks you to type in where you live. You can write "Diocese of Richmond." From there, you will begin the actual assessment, and you will receive your results on the webpage immediately upon the conclusion of the questionnaire. This is a required part of the course, and the assessment that reports your answers must be completed in order to receive certification credit.

11. Do I need to take the courses in any particular order? The courses for Pathways: *Delivered* make the most sense to take in the following order: Vocation of the Catechist, Catholic Approach to Scripture, and Catholic Tradition. The content builds in complexity, and its best understood in this order.