

As of the year 2026-2027 Religious Education, the Diocese of Joliet will be requiring that all catechists complete 3 of their 6 hours of formation online through Franciscan University, Steubenville. We will be doing this formation as a large group at our Winter Catechist Training on January 14. Before that time, we ask that you create an online account using the steps below. If you have any questions about this platform, please let us know. The remaining 3 hours will be done via the Opening Training, Book Club, or other parish faith formation options.

For your convenience, here are the instructions for creating your free account.

Creating Your Free Account

1. Go to <https://franciscanathome.com/>.
2. Scroll down & click on **“Individual Subscriptions.”**
3. Click on **“Free Sign Up.”**
4. Click **“create a new account.”**
5. Complete all the required fields in the form and click “Create new account” button.
6. Choose **“Diocese of Joliet”** from the drop-down menu on the next screen.
7. Choose **“Holy Spirit- Naperville”** on the drop-down menu that appears
8. Click the **“Sign Up”** button.
9. The next screen will be your dashboard with full access to content. The next time you log in, go to <https://franciscanathome.com/> and enter the email address and password you created in Step 5.
10. On the Opening Page you will see a heading “Institutional Tracks,” those are the tracks for Catechists and Leaders in the Diocese of Joliet. You should click on, **“Foundational Track for Parish Ministry”** *We know this seems counterintuitive and you should be doing “Catechist Track”, but everyone needs to do the “Foundational Track” first.*
11. Then **“Start this Track without a mentor.”**
12. Then click on **“Foundations for Professional and Volunteer Ministry.”**
13. Then **“The Vocation of the Catechist”**
14. Then **“Start this workshop.”**
15. You can then exit without doing anything else. The rest we will do as a group. You will not have to enter anything on the workshop page. Your attendance at training will be reported to the Diocese.

Franciscan instructions after you have made an account:

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On the Opening Page you will see a heading “Institutional Tracks,” those are the tracks for Catechists and Leaders in the Diocese of Joliet. You should click on, **“Foundational Track for Parish Ministry”**

Make sure you **“Start this Track without a mentor.”**

Click on **“Foundations for Professional and Volunteer Ministry.”**

Now, click on **“The Vocation of the Catechist”**

To complete, you **MUST** click **“Start this workshop.”**

Now exit out without doing anything else. We will do the rest as a group. You will not have to enter anything on the workshop page. Your attendance at training will be reported to the Diocese.