

**DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE  
OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**Echoes 3.0 Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **What is Echoes of Faith 3.0?** Echoes of Faith 3.0 is an online program for catechist/campus/youth minister formation. It is published by RCLBenziger and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. Early versions of this program included video assisted courses that were offered as workshops in the Diocese of Lafayette Certification Process. The online version replaces the workshops.
2. **May I earn credits and hours by doing this online?** The program, if you register and participate through the Office of Christian Formation, offers credits toward certification as well as time hours required annually by the Office of Catholic Schools. **Note:** Credits and hours are not offered if the program is purchased directly from RCLBenziger.
3. **What is a license? Where do I purchase a license?** A license allows you to register in the program. One license contains 14 modules. Eleven modules are required for certification and hours. You may access an application online at [www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org), go to offices, Christian Formation. The required modules are indicated on the application.
4. **How much is a license?** 1 license = 11 modules = **\$25**. That's \$2.27 per module. If you participated in an Echoes of Faith workshop previously, the cost was no less than \$8 per module = \$80 per license.
5. **May I purchase 1 module at a time?** No. You must purchase a license. Licenses are not transferrable and may not be shared. Once you register, the license is under your name exclusively.
6. **What if I took some modules as workshops previously?** You received credits and hours when the workshop modules were completed. Although you may complete all modules in the license, you will only receive credits and hours for those not taken previously.
7. **How long will it take to complete a license?** You have one year from the date of first use (when you sign in for the first time) to complete the license. You will be notified when the year is almost up. If you choose to extend/renew the license, you must go through the registration process again and pay \$25 for the second year.
8. **How long will it take to complete a module?** Some modules are approximately 5 hours in length and some are approximately 3 hours in length. You may stop and start as you work through any module. **Just remember to save your work.** Unless otherwise instructed by your group administrator, **all modules must be completed in their entirety including bonus interviews, answers to assessment questions, reflection and questions labeled as optional.**
9. **What is a Group Administrator?** Once the Office of Christian Formation processes your license application and fee, you will be contacted by your Group Administrator, given an Activation Code and assigned to a group of 10 students. Your administrator will oversee the work of the 10 students. If you have questions, the Group Administrator will be your primary source of information.
10. **How will I get a Certificate of Completion when I complete a module?** You must notify your Group Administrator when you have completed a module. The Group Administrator will confirm that you completed all of the required module components before notifying the Office of Christian Formation.
11. **Will hours and credits be included on the Certificates of Completion? Who will my certificates be sent to?** Certificates of Completion indicating hours and credits earned will be issued as modules are completed. The original certificates will be mailed from the Office of Christian Formation to the student. Copies will be mailed to the parish DRE or school religion administrator.
12. See the 2015-16 version of the Certification Process on the diocesan website for information on how the modules may be applied.  
Anyone who is already working in the 2012-13 version of the certification process has the option of staying with that version or transferring all credits to the July, 2015-16 version. **Beginning teachers/catechists must use the 2015-16 process.**