

## **Diocesan Teachers of Religion High School Level**

To be certified by the Diocese of Covington, a high school religion teacher must meet the following requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree with a major in Catholic theology, religious education, or religious studies. This degree must include a minimum of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of course work in theology, religious education, or religious studies. A well-balanced program of study must include courses in scripture, doctrine, church history, moral theology, and liturgical/sacramental theology. Courses in pastoral ministry, prayer, and spirituality will be recognized.
2. An accredited college course in adolescent/developmental psychology, and at least one accredited course in secondary teaching methods.
3. Successful completion of a minimum of one quarter of student teaching or an equivalent practicum in teaching. This practicum must include observation of classes, lesson planning, and supervised teaching.
4. Part-time high school religion teachers must meet these same requirements.
5. Certificates will be issued by the Department of Catechesis and Formation and mailed directly to the teachers. A copy of each certificate is to be given to the principal, and kept in the teacher's file.
6. Principals are strongly encouraged to make compliance to these standards a factor in determining the selection of teachers.
7. Please, note that High School Teachers who were already teaching religion in the Diocese of Covington prior to the 2010-2011 academic year and who do not meet the aforementioned requirements, must complete the Basic, General and Advanced levels of certification outlined on Page one of the Certification Policy Booklet of the Diocese of Covington.
8. Parish catechists at the high school level must complete the Basic, General, and Advanced levels of certification outlined on Page one of the Certification Policy Booklet of the Diocese of Covington.