



# FORUM FOR YOUNG CATECHETICAL LEADERS

## Mission & Goals

### Mission:

To inspire, animate and form a new generation of catechists who are committed to teaching the Good News in schools, parishes, and churches.

### Goal:

To prepare UD students to become outstanding catechists (religion teachers) and catechetical leaders in Catholic Schools and parishes. Students encounter regional and national leaders and move toward basic certification in religious education.

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## Welcome to the Forum!

Learn the foundations and skills required to teach Religion and Faith Formation receive 1 credit, per semester, through the University of Dayton.

- Discover new ways to deepen your faith experience
- Become aware of Church Catechetical guidelines
- Engage in great conversation with Catechists
- Learn, Lead and Serve in local Parishes and Schools.

The Forum is a program which spans 4 Semesters, 2 Semesters in class (4 Saturdays a semester), 2 Semesters in Praxis (working with a parish or school) to be accomplished over 2 academic years.

Sponsored by: The Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, the Department of Religious Studies (the College of Arts and Science), and the Center for Catholic Education (the College of Education and Health Services).

## What's Being Said About the Forum?

““For me, the Forum was a vital step on my journey to becoming a good Catechist. It provided me with the space and the environment to share my reflections on our Catholic faith and to learn more through the reflections of others. The Forum program taught me how to put my beliefs, reflections, and knowledge to good use in a classroom setting so that I can teach my future students to the best of my ability.”

-Tori Schoen

“For me the Forum is the future of the Church. Before coming to UD I had no idea what the Forum was or the impact that working with it would have on my life. The Forum is an amazing opportunity for Undergraduate students. With the online, in class, and in the field experience I truly believe that the Forum prepares students for their future careers.”

-Mike Ingram

