



# 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?

"What forum means to me is an opportunity to put my Catholic education learned at the University of Dayton into action. Tools that ultimately have helped me understand both the most effective, and most practical way to help bring Christ to the world around us. Through completion of the program, I felt very well equipped to hopefully teach religion in a Catholic high school one day."

-Jimmy Vanek

"The FORUM has offered UD students who have received the FORUM Certificate to be extremely well positioned for being hired for Catholic School, or, parish ministry positions following graduation. The FORUM is in sync with Pope Francis's call for nurturing missionary skills to implement the "Art of Accompaniment" for mentoring and guiding children and young adults into deeper knowledge and relationship with Jesus. This is a UD opportunity you do not want to miss!"

~Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski MSHS D.Min.

