

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Summary

**Christopher Weber** is currently the Director of Catholic Education Ministries for Central Maryland with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He provides catechetical consultation and formation programs for 22 parishes and 5 Catholic schools. His 19 years of experience in the field of catechesis have included 5 years as a parish catechetical leader, and 14 years as part of a diocesan office supporting catechetical and youth ministry leaders in the field. Chris' special interests include the recruitment and training of catechists, communications, and using technology to further the Church's mission. He is a consultant to the USCCB's annual Catechetical Sunday Resource Kit, and has written a number of articles for *Catechist Magazine*, including regular contribution to *Catechist's Advice from Master Catechists* column. Chris publishes bi-monthly articles at his web site, [centralmdcatholic.org](http://centralmdcatholic.org).

Chris lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Laura, who serves their parish as a pastoral associate for faith formation. They have two children.

## Education

**Master of Arts in Systematic Theology, 1987**  
St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**Baccalaureate in Theology, 1986**  
St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies, 1983**  
St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT

- Magna Cum Laude, minors in philosophy and French
- Father Prevel Award - Outstanding Male Graduate

## Experience

**Director - 1998 to present**

*Catholic Education Ministries Center of Central Maryland, Archdiocese of Baltimore*

- Direct activities of regional catechetical center.
- Provide consultation and resources for catechetical personnel in twenty-two parishes and five Catholic schools throughout Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties.

- Design and conduct workshops and retreats for parish and school leadership and volunteers.
- Design and manage Center's web site, [www.centralmdcatholic.org](http://www.centralmdcatholic.org).

**Associate Director - Catechist Formation - 1993-1998**

*Office of Religious Education, Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY*

- As collaborative member of six person staff, provided consultation and leadership formation in catechesis to diocesan parishes and Catholic schools.
- Oversaw formation and certification processes for catechists and Catholic school teachers in fourteen counties.
- Directed annual diocesan Spring Enrichment conference for 1000 participants. Responsible for planning and implementation of program, including over 100 workshops, faculty recruitment, budget, liturgies, registration, exhibits and onsite coordination.
- Designed and offered training workshops, theological instruction and retreats for parish leadership and volunteers.

**Director of Faith Formation - 1989 to 1993**

*Our Lady of Grace Parish, Ballston Lake, NY*

- Directed catechetical program for over 600 children, youth, adults and families. Recruited and expanded formation opportunities for 75 volunteer catechists.
- Initiated comprehensive youth ministry program in parish, recruited and supervised coordinator of youth ministry.
- Facilitated Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, planned and administered adult faith formation programs.
- Prepared and led family sessions for sacramental preparation.
- Developed diverse liturgies, workshops, and retreats for volunteers, children, adults, and the parish-at-large.

**Pastoral Associate/RCIA Coordinator - 1987-1989**

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Rutland, VT*

- Originated and administered catechetical component of RCIA.
- Planned liturgies as member of parish liturgy committee.
- Provided sacramental formation for adults/parents.
- Established and managed social outreach programs, including ministry to hospitalized and homebound.
- Created and led catechetical program for adolescents.

**Workshops and Presentations**

**Market Your Ministry! Promoting your programs so that people will come.**

All Day      *Audience: Leaders*

**Lesson Planning With 'ER' and 'Survivor**

2 hours      *Audience: Catechists*

**Beyond the Baby Jesus: Discovering Easter Hope in Advent and Christmastide** -  
2 hours      *Audience: All*

**Churches Along the Information Superhighway** - Strategies for using email in your program and developing a catechetical web site. - 2-3 hours.      *Audience: parish leaders*

**The Church Emerging from Vatican II** - How models and images of the Church, plus the Documents of Vatican II, affect our life in the Church today. Presented as undergraduate course at Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg, and as 8 Session course for Archdiocesan Church Leadership Institute

**Evangelization in the General Directory for Catechesis - What does it mean?**  
1 hour      *Audience: leaders, teachers, volunteers*

**We Believe, Lord!** An overview of the Nicene Creed and its significance for our teaching ministry. - 4 hours      *Audience: teachers, volunteers, general*

**Make the Internet Work for You!** - Invaluable resources to your prepare for your sessions, plus fun and safe activities to lead learners to "all things Catholic" online. - 2 hours      *Audience: leaders, volunteers*

**Who Do YOU Say That I Am? Sharing the Story and Images of Jesus** - Scriptural images and teaching about Jesus in our Profession of Faith, plus ways to effectively share the stories of Jesus with our learners. - 2 hours  
*Audience: teachers, volunteers, general*

**Theology for Ministry** - 8 session course offered as part of the Archdiocesan Church Leadership Institute

**Connecting with the Learner of Today and Tomorrow** - Multiple Intelligences - 1-2 hours      *Audience: leaders, volunteers*

**Creative Discipline** - A look at how to effectively prepare the environment for your sessions, plus what to do when things go wrong! - 2 hours  
*Audience: volunteers*

**Recruiting, Supporting, and Retaining Volunteer Catechists** - All day workshop offered to catechetical leaders, part of the *DRE Skills Development workshops* offered by National Conference of Catechetical Leadership (NCCL)      *Audience: leaders*

## **Articles**

I publish bi-monthly articles for catechetical ministry, archived at [www.centralmdcatholic.org/directorsdesk/Archive](http://www.centralmdcatholic.org/directorsdesk/Archive)

**Advice from Master Catechists, *Catechist Magazine***

One of four contributors to monthly advice column.

### **Patron Companions**

Journeying through the year with a saint can help your learners discover the meaning of holiness for their lives. - *Catechist Magazine, October 2002*

**Living - and Forgiving - for the Lord - A Catechetical Sunday Commissioning -**  
*Catechist Magazine, September 2002*

### **Countdown to Pentecost (Part of The Effective DRE Series)**

Pentecost is meant to be a highpoint in the liturgical year, but how often we miss the opportunity to celebrate all that it means. Here are some concrete, creative ideas for you to implement with your parish family.- *Religion Teacher's Journal, April/May, 2002*

**Journey to Jerusalem, through the Gospels of Lent to Pentecost -** *Catechist Magazine, Lent 2002*

**Beyond the Baby Jesus: Discovering Easter Hope in Advent and Christmastide -**  
*Catechist Magazine, November/December 2001*

**Love Beyond All Telling: A Catechetical Sunday Commissioning Celebration -**  
*Catechist Magazine, September 2001* - I have contributed a Catechetical Sunday commissioning to *Catechist* for the past five years.

**USCCB Catechetical Sunday Kit** - Contributing author

**The Beatitudes of Catechist Recruitment -** *Catechist Magazine, April/May 2001*

## **Memberships**

- **National Conference of Catechetical Leadership**
- **National Catholic Education Association**
- **Association of Professional Youth Ministers (APYM)**, Arch. of Baltimore
- **Baltimore Association of Catechetical Ministers (BACM)**
- **Executive Board, *Disciples Now Ministries, Inc.***
- **Frederick County Catholic Schools Coordinating Committee**