**Title: 4041 SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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| Act 48 of 1999 | **4041 Spiritual Learning****4041.1 Teachers of Religion Pre-K to 12**The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School states: “The religion teacher is the key, the vital component, if the educational goals of the school are to be achieved. … Teachers of religion, therefore, must be men and women endowed with many gifts, both natural and supernatural, who are also capable of giving witness to these gifts; they must have a thorough cultural, professional, and pedagogical training, and they must be capable of genuine dialogue.”Requirements:* Must be a practical (practicing and adhering to the doctrines of the Catholic Church) Catholic ;
* Candidates must have earned a bachelor’s degree with at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in theology, religious education, or religious studies;
* This course work must include hours in each of the following areas: scripture, systematics, historical, moral and liturgical theology;
* Candidates must also have taken an accredited course in instructional methods and have successfully completed one semester of student teaching.

**4041.2 Campus Ministry Certification and Continuing Education**Each diocesan High School shall implement a comprehensive Campus Ministry Program.Campus ministers who teach religion in the High School shall be certified Master Catechists. This certification consists in meeting the following requirements: Master Catechist: All Campus Ministers are to complete the Master Catechist program within the first 3 years of their employment to the Diocesan schools. If Master Catechist is achieved within the first 3 years of employment the faculty member will receive a $500.00 stipend from the school at which they are presently teaching.The requirements for Master Catechist include the following courses: Old Testament Liturgy Sacraments  New Testament Creed Heart of Faith Church History Morality Peace and Justice Christian Prayer and Spirituality Adult Faith FormationAdvanced certification in religion shall satisfy the theological component of youth ministry certification.**4041.3 Catechetical Preparation for Catholic School Elementary Faculty and Administrative Members**Catechetical Preparation for Catholic School Elementary Faculty Members: All elementary teachers, Catholic and Non-Catholic, in the schools of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese must complete the Franciscan University Catechetical Institute Program as outlined below. These courses are to be done in cooperation of the administrator.**Catholic School Religion Teachers****(6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives)****MISSION**1. The Mission of Catholic Schools& the Role of Teachers2. The Human Person3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan**DOCTRINE**4. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below5. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below6. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below7. Choose From Doctrine Electives Below**METHODS**8. Evangelizing Classroom9. Pedagogy of Revelation & the Responseof Faith10. Liturgy & Catechetical Methodology**ELECTIVES:** **DOCTRINE LEVEL II**1. The Sacrament of Baptism2. The Sacrament of Confirmation3. The Sacrament of Eucharist4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation5. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick6. The Sacrament of Matrimony7. Special Topics in Discussing Matrimony8. The Sacrament of Holy Orders9. Saints10. The Blessed Virgin Mary11. Christological Heresies12. Ten Commandments & Beatitudes13. Catechesis on Creation14. Faith & Reason15. Introduction to the Old Testament16. Introduction to the New Testament |