

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
Minimum Lay Teacher Salary Scale ADDENDUM
2021-2022

Upon completion of the following levels of the Adult Enrichment/Catechist Formation Process as described in the Catechist Formation Process Handbook the teacher is to receive:

\$100 for Basic Level

an additional \$100 for Intermediate Level

an additional \$100 for Advanced Level.

Each year this amount will be added to the salary amount determined by the salary scale.

Proof of completion would be necessary, i.e. the valid certificate of completion for that level. A valid certificate would be one issued in or after 1992 which was the year that all previous credit was applied toward the new process credit. The monetary award would be made annually. If a certificate is issued during the school year, no addition would be made until the next contract.

Monetary awards are ongoing. The teacher finishing the basic level would continue to receive the monetary amount in all future years. (See example below.) It is assumed that since this is a process, teachers will continue annually to work on courses/electives/personal spiritual enrichment.

Example: If a teacher has **Basic Level certification**, he/she gets \$100.

If a teacher has **Intermediate Level certification**, he/she gets a total of \$200 (\$100 for Basic + \$100 for Intermediate).

If a teacher has **Advanced Level certification**, he/she gets a total of \$300 (\$100 for Basic + \$100 for Intermediate + \$100 for valid Advanced).

Note—If a teacher does not move to the next level within 10 years, the teacher will lose the monetary incentive.

Note—To keep the Advanced Level valid, the teacher must renew that level every three years with 30 hours of coursework as describe in the Catechist Formation Process Handbook.

Note—The Degreed Level (with a certificate issued by the Office for Catechesis of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois) should be treated as completions of all three levels stated above.

Rationale: We value teachers who deliver education earmarked with Catholic identity. If teachers apply their learning from the catechist formation course, they may impact the entire curriculum (religion areas as well as all the other academic areas into which Catholic identity is to be integrated). It is the principal's leadership responsibility to ensure that a minimum of 10 hours of faith-based education is offered annually at the school or courses offered at other locations are made known.