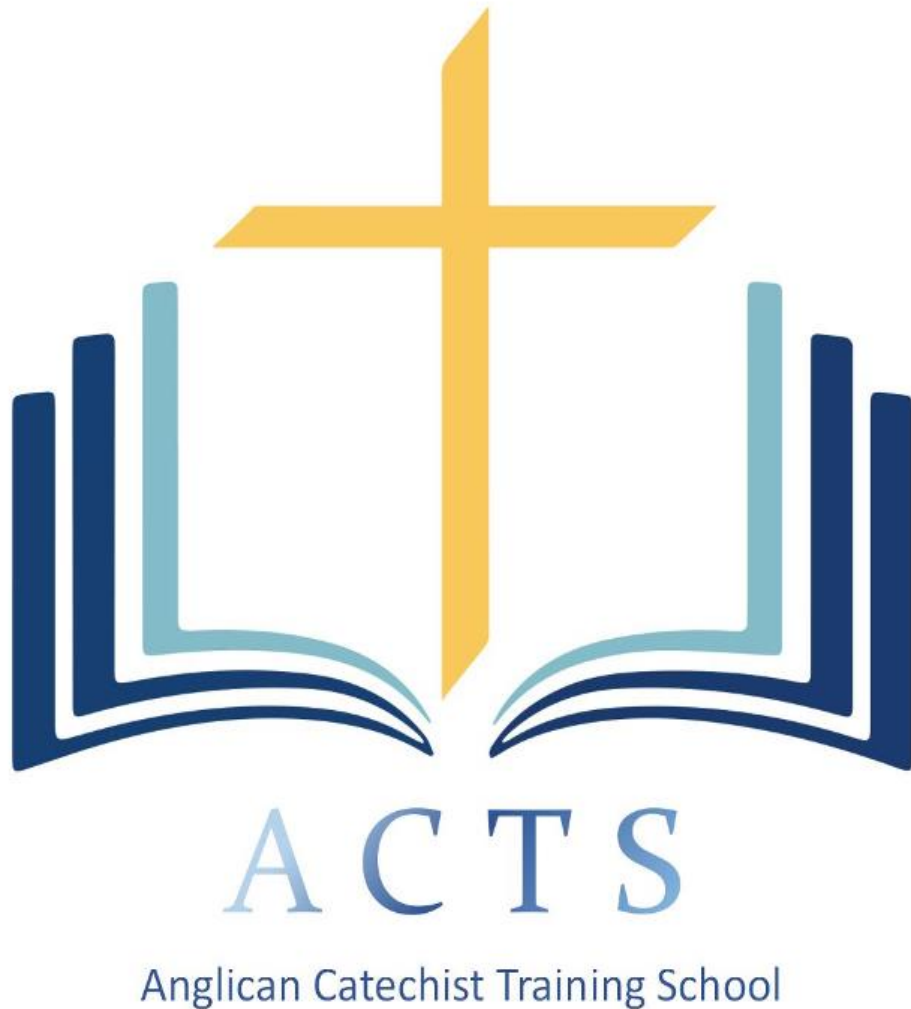


“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”
(Matthew 28:19,20)



Are You Called to Be a Catechist?

What is a Catechist?

Primarily when we think of catechists, we think of people being called to a teaching ministry in the local congregation, which may include teaching youth and adult catechism classes, leading Alpha Groups, or Bible studies. This ministry is greatly lacking and much needed in God's church today.

However, catechesis is far greater than just teaching doctrine. Catechesis involves the formation of the whole person into the image of Christ; therefore, licensed catechists may be called to:

- Spiritual Direction
- Intercession
- Pastoral Counseling and Inner-Healing
- Ministering to the Poor and the Infirm
- Evangelism and Church Planting

Since these ministries can only bear fruit by the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, students engage in spiritually formative practices throughout the year that enables them to hear God's voice and follow his leading.



What is the Anglican Catechist Training School (ACTS)?

The Anglican Catechist Training School equips laity to teach the Christian faith in the Anglican tradition using To Be A Christian: An Anglican Catechism.

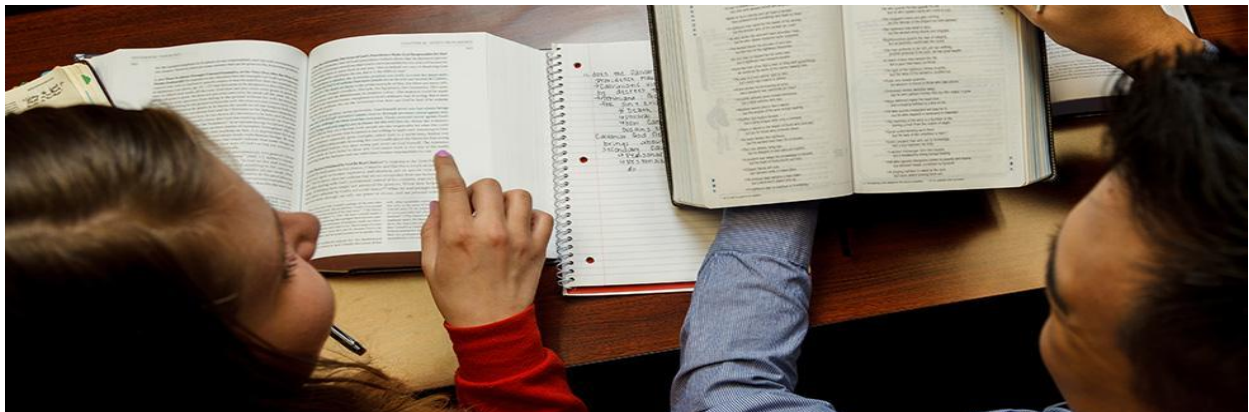
The first year of ACTS consists of three modules, which prepares the student for licensing as a Catechist in the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin. The program incorporates three-dimensions:

- Deepening of biblical and theological knowledge
- Spiritual Formation
- Ministry Practicum

Each dimension works with the others in forming and preparing the student for the ministry of a Catechist and lay leader. The course will consist of a combination of hands-on training and regular mentoring with one's clergy or other lay leader and independent study and class attendance.

What is required to become a licensed Catechist?

- Successfully complete three module courses based on the content of To Be A Christian: An Anglican Catechism.
- Pass a three-part exam on the four parts of To Be A Christian. Each exam is administered at the end of each of the three modules.
- Engage in a year of mentoring and praxis with one's clergy.
- Recommendation from one's clergy.
- Complete a live scan, background check and *MinistrySafe* Training.



Overview of the ACTS Modules

- *Module 1: The Lord's Prayer (Offered in fall for 9 sessions)*
 - Scripture, Tradition, Catholicity, Creeds & Liturgy
 - The Fatherhood of God
 - The Kingdom of God
 - Spiritual Warfare
 - Trusting in God's Provision
 - Growing in Grace: Repentance and Forgiveness
 - Exam I
- *Module 2: The Ten Commandments (Offered in the winter for 5 sessions)*
 - The Ten Commandments
 - A Christian View of humanity & sexuality
 - A Christian View of Justice
 - Exam II

- *Module 3: The Apostles' Creed (Offered in the spring for 9 sessions)*
 - The Trinity
 - God the Father & Creator
 - God the Son & Salvation
 - God the Holy Spirit and the gifts
 - The Church & Communion of Saints
 - The Sacraments
 - Heaven
 - Teaching Approaches & Creating a Catechism Course
 - Exam III

Cost

One-time Application Fee	\$25	The TOTAL COST for the year-long course (including the retreat) is \$750. Students are responsible to purchase their own books.
Module 1	\$225	
Module 2	\$150	
Module 3	\$225	
Mandatory ACTS Retreat Fee	\$250	

There are a limited number of scholarships available, but students are first encouraged to ask their church vestries for assistance.



“Now, more than ever before, the Church needs faithful men and women to answer our Lord Jesus’ call to make disciples. The ministry of Catechist is at the heart of our diocesan vision for renewal. Will you discern this call to serve?”

+ *Eric Menes*

Contact Us

If you are interested in this course, first pray and ask the Holy Spirit to confirm your call to participate, and then talk to your clergy for further discernment.

- You can obtain information and an application at:
 - www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net (Under Resource tab and then go to Catechetical Resources)
- If you have questions, please feel free to contact:
 - Cn. Elizabeth Conkle: eaconkle.acts@gmail.com