

# ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

## *Faith Formation Catalogue*

**Summer 2024**



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**“Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.”**

**Homily of Holy Father Francis, Sept. 29, 2013**

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**Other programs and opportunities sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation will be announced through:**

- \* Blog ([www.archlouff.org](http://www.archlouff.org))
- \* Direct communication with target groups
- \* Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FaithFormationinArchdioLouisville>)
- \* The Record

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- \* can be viewed and downloaded from the Faith Formation blog [www.archlouff.org](http://www.archlouff.org)
- \* can be obtained by contacting Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267

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# Associate Catechist Level Classes

Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203

## Summer 2024

### **Faith Development:**

Monday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Friday, July 26, 9:30 -12:00 p.m.

### **Images of God:**

Monday, June 3, 1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.  
Monday, July 22, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

### **Introduction to Christology:**

Wed., June 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Thursday, July 25, 1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

### **Introduction to Prayer:**

Tuesday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 23, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

### **Introduction to Sacraments:**

Tuesday, June 4, 1:00-3:30 p.m.  
Monday, July 22, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

### **Introduction to Scripture:**

Thursday, June 6, 9:30 -12:00 p.m.  
Thursday, July 25, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

### **Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II:**

Wed., June 5, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

### **Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I**

This class is available online. Contact  
[lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) to be given the  
link to begin the class.

**Pre-registration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at  
[lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.**

**Cost is \$10.00. Make checks payable to ALMI.**



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**See Summer Catalogue for class descriptions.**

**Christus Vivit: Exploring Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation for Young People**

Monday, July 22, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

**Eucharist: Moving Beyond Object to Action**

Thursday, June 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

**The Exile: Exploring Lament in the Jewish Scripture**

Tuesday, June 4, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

**Hollywood or History Session on World Religions**

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Electives

**Multicultural Ministry**

Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Culture/Diversity

**The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching**

Thursday, June 6, 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

**Student Centered Theology Lesson Planning in Middle and Secondary Schools**

Monday, June 3, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

(\*Note: The date for this class was moved from June 11 to June 3 after the catalogue was first published on 4/8/24.)

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

**Symbolism and the Book of Revelation**

Wednesday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

**Thomas Merton and Pope Francis: Voices for Change in Cultures of Unrest**

Monday, July 22, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

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## Sacrament Workshops

Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

### Confirmation

Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 (check payable to ALMI) and lunch is included. Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register. Registration deadline is July 19.

**Presented by** Art Turner, Director for the Office of Faith Formation, Archdiocese of Louisville, Barry Mudd, Associate Director for the Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Louisville, and various catechists in the archdiocese who work with children/youth to prepare them for the celebration of the Sacrament.

This workshop is for all persons who work with children and youth who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: youth ministers, teachers, principals, catechists, parish catechetical leaders, etc. We will discuss the Theology of the Sacrament, the Liturgy for the Sacrament, and the practical how-to of preparing the youth, their families, and their sponsors for the celebration of the Sacrament. Catechist Credit: 6 hours total: 3 hours apply toward Theology (1.5 hours in the content area of Sacrament, 1.5 hours in the content area of Liturgy), and 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

### First Communion

Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI).

**Presented by** Rebecca Culver, Director of Religious Education, All Saints

This workshop is for persons who are new (or newer) to working with children and their families to help the children prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion and have not attended this workshop previously. We will review basic information about the Theology of the Eucharist, introduce catechists to skills and techniques for preparing children for First Communion along with offering helpful suggestions and practical resources.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

### First Reconciliation

Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI).

**Presented by** Rebecca Culver, Director of Religious Education, All Saints

This workshop is for persons who are new (or newer) to working with children and their families to help the children prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and have not attended this workshop previously. We will review basic information about the Theology of the Sacrament, introduce catechists to skills and techniques for preparing children for the Sacrament, along with offering helpful suggestions and practical resources for planning the celebration of the Sacrament.

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# FAMILY RENEWAL PROJECT Summer 2024

## **Pioneer: The Wonders of Genesis (Discover Your Story Level 1)**

Friday, May 31, 2024, 8am-4pm at Holy Family Catholic Church (Brennan Room)

To register and pay (\$10) go to [bit.ly/pioneer-genesis2024](https://bit.ly/pioneer-genesis2024).

This is the beginning of FRP's flagship discipleship series, guiding us through the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and to the truth about our unique call to love. During our time together, you will: renew an awareness of the dignity and beauty of the human person; experience a deeper appreciation for God's creation; explore the gift of wonder and awe through the lens of Genesis; and discover your story through the mystery of God who became flesh.

Catechist Credit: 7.5 credits total: 4.5 Credits toward Theology in the content area of Theology of the Body and 3 credits toward Spiritual Formation

## **Title: Pioneer: Understanding Exodus (Discover Your Story Level 2)**

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 8am-4pm at Holy Family Catholic Church (Brennan Room)

To register and pay (\$10) go to [bit.ly/pioneer-exodus2024](https://bit.ly/pioneer-exodus2024).

This course builds upon Level 1: The Wonders of Genesis. Come experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit with Moses and the Israelites and see how much Jesus desires us to embrace our dignity and sense of purpose.

Catechist Credit: 7.5 credits total: 4.5 Credits toward Theology in the content area of Theology of the Body and 3 credits toward Spiritual Formation

## **Pioneer: The Purpose of Christmas (Discover Your Story Level 3)**

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 8am-4:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church (Brennan Room)

Cost (what you are charging): \$10 payable online

To register and pay (\$10) go to [bit.ly/pioneer-christmas2024](https://bit.ly/pioneer-christmas2024).

This course builds upon Levels 1 & 2 on Genesis & Exodus. Come experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit with Baby Jesus, Mary, & Joseph and see how much Jesus desires to show us our purpose.

Catechist Credit: 8 credits total: 4 Credits toward Theology in the content area of Theology of the Body and 4 credits toward Spiritual Formation

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registrations and payments are directly with Family Renewal Project.**





 **FAMILY RENEWAL PROJECT**   
Summer 2024

**Maximize: TOB & the Holy Spirit  
Discipleship Retreat Course**

June 25-30, 2024, Starts Tuesday @ 4pm; Concludes Sunday @ 1pm at Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center

**To register and pay (\$750 for a double room or \$800 for a single room) go to [bit.ly/maximize2024](https://bit.ly/maximize2024).**

When did you last make time to immerse yourself in an enriching retreat? To focus on maximizing your relationship with God and others? To reflect on the impact your Catholic Faith has on every aspect of your life? It's time to give yourself (& God) such a gift — the opportunity to encounter Jesus and allow Him into every aspect of your life. MAXIMIZE is a 5-day Discipleship Retreat Course addressing the issues of our day through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Come discover your story as we break open the story of salvation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This retreat-style course includes overnight accommodations, daily Mass, confession, three meals daily, and plenty of time for fellowship, as well as personal prayer and reflection.

Catechist Credit: 15 credits total: 7.5 Credits toward Theology in the content area of Theology of the Body and 7.5 credits toward Spiritual Formation

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.  
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Family Renewal Project.**



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## **Requirements for Catechetical Ministry Catechist Certificate**

The concentration in Catechetical Ministry exists to form persons in their catechetical ministries to adults, youth, or children in the Archdiocese of Louisville. This formational process fosters the acquisition of appropriate applied knowledge and skills as well as the continued spiritual formation of catechists.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Persons called to minister in a formal way by proclaiming and teaching God's Word are encouraged to participate in catechetical formation, specifically Catholic School Teachers of Religion/Theology, Parish Catechists (of Adults, Youth or Children), Parish Catechetical Leaders, Coordinators of RCIA, Principals, Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers, and Adult Faith Formation Leaders.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

There are three levels within the concentration. Additional credits earned in each level will be applied to the next level. Coursework may be taken through the Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute (ALMI), media options, online courses, or other **pre-approved** offerings.

To enroll in ALMI go to, <https://forms.gle/75dSVMGR6iWLUQ2R7>.

### **ASSOCIATE CATECHIST (completion of 20 credits)**

Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part 1 – 2 credits	
Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part 2 – 3 credits	
Faith Development – 2.5 credits	Introduction to Sacraments – 2.5 credits
Images of God – 2.5 credits	Introduction to Christology – 2.5 credits
Introduction to Prayer - 2.5 credits	Introduction to Scripture – 2.5 credits

Ongoing Formation

(Parish Catechist-15 credits every two years/School Teachers- 30 credits every two years.)

## **ADVANCED CATECHIST (Completion of Associate level plus an additional 120 credits)**

THEOLOGY/CONTENT (40 credits with a minimum of 7 different content areas; no more than 6 hours will be credited in any one content area. Additional hours will roll over to Level III.)

Christology	Spirituality	Culture/Diversity
Sacraments	Liturgy	Catholic Social Teaching
Scripture	Prayer	Catholic Beliefs and Practices
Family Life	Church	General Theology
Theology of the Body	Morality	

CATECHETICS (40 hours: 15 of these credits must be under the Mentoring Experience)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION (40 hours) Spiritual Formation requirements may be fulfilled by a variety of methods, e.g., Discipleship, Prayer Groups, Spiritual Direction, Days of Reflection, Retreats

Ongoing Formation (15 hours every two years)

## **MASTER CATECHIST (Completion of Associate level and Advanced level plus an additional 80 credits)**

THEOLOGY/CONTENT (40 hours within a minimum of 5 different content areas)

Christology	Spirituality	Culture/Diversity
Sacraments	Liturgy	Catholic Social Teaching
Scripture	Prayer	Catholic Beliefs and Practices
Family Life	Church	General Theology
Theology of the Body	Morality	Electives

CATECHETICS/METHODS (20 hours)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION (20 hours) Spiritual Formation requirements may be fulfilled by a variety of methods, e.g., Discipleship, Prayer Groups, Spiritual Direction, Days of Reflection, Retreats

Ongoing Formation (15 hours every two years)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
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and the Office of Faith Formation

**May-August 2024**

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27	Basics of Catechist Formation 1.1: Catechesis is...	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
27	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
27	Catechetical Methodology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
27	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
27	Church History 1	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
27	Conscience	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
27	Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Parish Life-Pastoral Implications	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
27	Directory for Catechesis: In Depth Review and Study	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
27	Ecclesiology: Reframing Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF- 8
27	Faith and Human Development	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
27	Foundations for Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
27	History of Catholic Social Action	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
27	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
27	Introduction to Christian Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
27	Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
27	Introduction to Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
27	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
27	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
27	Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
27	Moral Injury: When Our Pain Blocks God's Joy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
27	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
27	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
27	Panorama of the Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
27	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
27	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
27	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-19
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27	Vocation to Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-21

**June**

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3*	Student Centered Theology Lesson Planning in Middle and Secondary Schools	Maloney Center	FF-8
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5	Introduction to Christology	Maloney Center	FF-4
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12	Hollywood or History Session on World Religions	Maloney Center	FF-3
12	Symbolism and The Book of Revelation	Maloney Center	FF-8
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15	Autism in Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
15	A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
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15	Bereavement Ministry: A Christian Perspective	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
15	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
15	Catechetical Methodology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
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15	Catholic Identity and Culture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
15	Christology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
15	Chronic Illness: Mental Illness, Grief, Trauma Support and Counselling	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
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15	Conscience	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
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15	Images of Mary	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
15	Introduction to Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
15	Introduction to Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
15	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
15	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
15	Mary in the Liturgical Life of the Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
15	Ministry Leadership in the Church Today	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
15	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF- 14
15	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
15	Old Testament Literature and Theology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
15	On Bended Knee	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
15	Our Hearts Were Burning	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
15	Pastoral Approach to Culture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
15	Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
15	Praying With Children	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
15	Principles for Addressing Diversity Issues in Youth Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
15	RCIA: A Process of Conversion, Catechesis and Community	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
15	Relational Ministry with Youth	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
15	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
15	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
15	Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF- 18
15	Study of The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-19
15	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-19
15	The Mass	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-20
15	Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-20
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16	Catechist Retreat: In Giving that We Receive	Epiphany, Lighthouse	FF-1
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2	Basics of Catechist Formation 1.1: Catechesis is...	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
2	Basics of Catechist Formation 1.3: The Human Development and Spirituality of the Catechist and Learner	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
2	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
2	Catechetical Methodology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
2	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
2	Church History 1	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
2	Communication and Community	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
2	Designing and Implementing Adult Learning and Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
2	Directory for Catechesis: A General Overview and Reflection	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
2	Ecclesiology: A Theological, Historical and Pastoral Summary	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
2	Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
2	Echoes of Racism: Whispers of Healing	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
2	Faith and Human Development	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
2	Faith Formation for Adults with Special Needs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
2	Foundations and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
2	Foundations for Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
2	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
2	Introduction to Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
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2	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
2	Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
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2	Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
2	Liturgical Books	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
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2	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
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2	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
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2	Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
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## ONGOING

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	Foundation of Liturgy	Media Option	MO-1
	Images of God	Media Option	MO-1
	Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching	Google Classroom, online	FF- 4 & MO-2
	Introduction to Prayer	Media Option	MO-2
	Introduction to Sacraments	Media Option	MO-2
	Introduction to Scripture	Media Option	MO-3
	Introduction to Spirituality	Media Option	MO-3
	Living in the Image and Likeness of God	Media Option	MO-3
	Major Themes of Scripture	Media Option	MO-4
	Morality, Ethics, and Social Justice	Media Option	MO-4
	Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I	Google Classroom, online	FF- 6 & MO-4
	Overview of the Mass	Media Option	MO-5
	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-5
	Sacrament of Baptism, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-5
	Sacrament of Confirmation, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-6
	Sacrament of Eucharist, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-6
	Sacrament of Holy Orders, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-6
	Sacrament of Matrimony, Past, and Present	Media Option	MO-7
	Sacrament of Reconciliation, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-7
	Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues	Media Option	MO-7
	Spiritual Growth in Tough Times	Media Option	MO-8
	Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life	Media Option	MO-8
	Theology of Church	Media Option	MO-8
	Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness	Media Option	MO-9



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## Catechist Classes

### Catechist Mentoring Experience

Date: Ongoing; This process may be started at any time once the mentor has been approved.  
Registration: Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: At completion, 15 hours apply toward Mentoring Experience

**Upon entering the Advanced Level**, the catechist is required to select a mentor who has given witness to his/her faith in the context of effective catechetical ministry. The mentor may be a Principal, PCL, Coordinator, or another active Catechist and must have obtained a Master Catechist Certificate from ALMI or other professional equivalencies. Contact Lynn McDaniel, [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to begin the Mentoring Experience.

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### Catechist Retreat: In Giving That We Receive

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Epiphany Catholic Church, Lighthouse, 914 Old Harrods Creek Rd. 40223  
Presenter: Anna Hudson, Catholic Speaker and Spiritual Director  
Cost: \$25.00 (**check payable to ALMI**) lunch is included.  
**Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.**  
**Registration Deadline is July 9<sup>th</sup>.**  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

In this retreat we will reflect on the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, particularly the line, "It is in giving that we receive" to help participants explore God's loving action in their own stories of service and ministry. Reflections on giving, guided meditations, and time for personal prayer will be offered. Themes for the day's reflections include: giving to others and how this blesses us, giving to ourselves and how this blesses others, finding hope when giving is difficult, and Christ-like giving.

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### Christus Vivit: Exploring Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation for Young People

Date: Monday, July 22, 2024  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Asst. Professor/Dir. Ed.D: Leadership Program, Spalding University  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

This session will explore the Pope Francis's 2019 letter to young people. Overshadowed by the 2020 pandemic, this letter continues to offer insights into a reengagement for youth and their relationship with Christ in the 21st century. Focus will also be paid to discuss several holy men and women who are exemplars of faith for youth and young adults mentioned in the letter, as well as the Pontiff's insight into the digitalization of culture.

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**Eucharist: Moving Beyond Object to Action**

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Very Rev. Philip Erickson, JCL, KHS, Priest for the Archdiocese of Louisville  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

In this class we will discuss the theology, history and present day understanding of the Eucharist. We will especially focus on how what we believe about the Eucharist should affect our everyday life.

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**The Exile: Exploring Lament in the Jewish Scriptures**

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Asst. Professor/Dir. Ed.D: Leadership Program, Spalding University  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This session will explore the Scriptural texts surrounding the Exile (Babylonian Captivity) through the historical books, Psalms, and Prophets. This session will also offer concrete ways for educators to respond to the tough questions about suffering in the history of Israel as well as the importance of hope in times of grief and war.

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**Faith Development**

Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 or Friday, July 26, 2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (June) or 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203  
Presenter: Art Turner, Director, Office of Faith Formation, Archdiocese of Louisville  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Faith Development or toward the area of Catechetics

This is a study of the developmental nature of faith and the diverse expressions of faith formed by tradition, culture, and life experience.

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**Hebrew Numerology**

Date: Monday, July 29, 2024  
Time: 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Location: St. Dominic, 312 W.. High St., Springfield, 40069  
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Saint Xavier H.S. Theology Dept. Chair  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward the Theology in the content area of Scripture

This session will explore the application of symbolic numbers in sacred scriptures in order to fully comprehend the religious truth of Old Testament and New Testament stories. **Please have your Bible with you for this session.**

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**Hollywood or History Session on World Religions**

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Saint Xavier H.S. Theology Dept. Chair and Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Asst. Professor/Dir. Ed.D: Leadership Program, Spalding University  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Electives

This class is designed to explore activities and films to assist in the instruction of world religions curriculum for secondary schools. The course is recommended for teachers of religion, theology, and history.

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**Images of God**

Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 or Monday, July 22, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. (June) or 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Bernie Schum, Theology Teacher, Trinity High School  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Images of God or toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality

This class is an exploration into both the personal and communal images of God and how they impact our sense of community and ministry.

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**Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching**

Date: Ongoing: This online class may be started at any time.  
Location: Google Classroom  
Cost: \$10.00 **(check payable to ALMI)**  
Registration: Go to <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzE5MjM1MjcwOTE5?cjc=6jenbm4> to begin the class.  
Catechist Credit: 7 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

This course will provide you with a general understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and practical ways to integrate it into your curriculum.

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**Introduction to Christology**

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 or Thursday, July 25, 2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (June) or 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Andrew Meirose, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School  
Cost: \$10.00 **(check payable to ALMI)**  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Christology or toward Theology in the content area of Christology

This class will provide a study of the Christian understanding of the person of Jesus and the impact it has on one's practices.

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**Introduction to Prayer**

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 or Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. (June) or 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.(July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission and Formation, Sacred Heart Schools (June)  
Fr. Robert Ray, Retired Priest, Archdiocese of Louisville & Anna Hudson, Catholic Speaker and Spiritual Director (July)  
Cost: \$10.00 **(check payable to ALMI)**  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Prayer or Theology in the content area of Prayer

This is a study of the diverse forms of individual and communal prayer and identification of one's own preferred style of prayer.

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**Introduction to Sacraments**

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 or Monday, July 22, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. (June) or 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. (July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission and Formation, Sacred Heart Schools (June)  
Bernie Schum, Theology Teacher, Trinity High School (July)  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Sacraments or toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

This class explores the meaning of the Sacraments, the role they have in the Church, and the principles of liturgical celebration of the Sacraments.

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**Introduction to Scripture**

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 or Thursday, July 25, 2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (June) or 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Art Turner, Director for the Office of Faith Formation, Archdiocese of Louisville  
Cost: \$10 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the content area of Introduction to Scripture or toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This class explores the Catholic understanding of Scripture and the meanings of inspiration and revelation.

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**Multicultural Ministry**

Dates: Tuesday, June 4, 2024  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Locations: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203  
Presenter: Annette Mandley- Turner, Executive Director Multicultural Office, Archdiocese of Louisville  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Culture/Diversity

This is a study of the many cultures that are part of the Church today and what that means to us as a community.

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### Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I

Date: Ongoing: This online class may be started at any time.  
Location: Google Classroom  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Go to <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzMyNDA2NzkyNDZa?cjc=tjvcoaj> to begin the class.  
Catechist Credit: 2 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry

This class is an introductory overview of catechesis which will provide participants with a general understanding of the purpose, goals, and methodology of the ministry of catechesis. It will introduce documents on catechesis and provide catechists with ideas and resources to use in catechetical session planning.

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### Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 or Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (June) or 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (July)  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203  
Cost: \$10 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Presenters: Debbie Minton, Director of Religious Formation, St. Athanasius  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry

This course will focus on the catechetical process in passing on the faith, introduce some of the distinguishing characteristics of the Catholic Church, review the process of Catechist Formation, and introduce practical resources from the Office of Faith Formation.

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### Sacrament Workshop: Confirmation

Dates: Wednesday, July 24, 2024  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Locations: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203  
Presenter: Art Turner, Director for the Office of Faith Formation, Archdiocese of Louisville, Barry Mudd, Associate Director for the Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Louisville, and Various catechists in the archdiocese who work with children/youth to prepare them for the celebration of the sacrament  
Cost: \$25.00 (**check payable to ALMI**) **lunch is included.**  
**Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.**  
**Registration deadline is July 19.**  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 6 hours total: 3 hours apply toward Theology (1.5 hours in the content area of Sacrament, 1.5 hours in the content area of Liturgy), and 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

This workshop is for all persons who work with children and youth who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: youth ministers, teachers, principals, catechists, parish catechetical leaders, etc. We will discuss the Theology of the Sacrament, the Liturgy for the Sacrament, and the practical how-to of preparing the youth, their families, and their sponsors for the celebration of the Sacrament.

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**Sacrament Workshop: First Communion**

Dates: Wednesday, July 31, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Locations: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203  
Presenter: Rebecca Culver, Director of Religious Education, All Saints  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

This workshop is for persons who are new (or newer) to working with children and their families to help the children prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion and have not attended this workshop previously. We will review basic information about the Theology of the Eucharist, introduce catechists to skills and techniques for preparing children for First Communion, along with offering helpful suggestions and practical resources.

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**Sacrament Workshop: First Reconciliation**

Dates: Wednesday, July 31, 2024  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Locations: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203  
Presenter: Rebecca Culver, Director of Religious Education, All Saints  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

This workshop is for persons who are new (or newer) to working with children and their families to help the children prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and have not attended this workshop previously. We will review basic information about the theology of the Sacrament, introduce catechists to skills and techniques for preparing children for the Sacrament, along with offering helpful suggestions and practical resources for planning the celebration of the Sacrament.

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**The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching**

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Peyton Rhea, Parish and Schools Engagement Coordinator, Catholic Charities, Lou.  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

As Catholics, we are called to action by Jesus, Christ himself: “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.” This special presentation will help show us how!

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**Student Centered Theology Lesson Planning in Middle and Secondary Schools**

Date: Monday, June 3, 2024\*  
(\*Note: The date for this class was moved from June 11 to June 3 after the catalogue was first published on 4/8/24.)  
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, St. Xavier H.S. Theology Dept. Chair  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Catechetics

This class is designed for middle and secondary school educators to learn about student-centered, project-based learning. **Participants will be required to bring examples of lessons either digitally or hard copy to share with the group.**

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**Symbolism and the Book of Revelation**

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, St. Xavier H.S. Theology Dept. Chair and Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Asst. Professor/Dir. Ed.D: Leadership Program, Spalding University  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This session is designed to explore the symbolism of The Book of Revelation through studying the anagogical sense of scripture. Participants will learn about the fundamental teachings of this apocalyptic text.

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**Thomas Merton and Pope Francis: Voices for Change in Cultures of Unrest**

Date: Monday, July 22, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203  
Presenter: Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Asst. Professor/Dir. Ed.D: Leadership Program, Spalding University  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

In Pope Francis's 2015 remarks to Congress, he stated that Thomas Merton was one of four individuals who served as a representative of American people because of his "dreams of justice, equal rights, liberty and peace to make America a better place." Why did Pope Francis mention Merton? This session will compare the lives and spiritual writings of Thomas Merton and Pope Francis. This session will also explore influences of Merton in the thought and writings of Pope Francis.

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# Media Options

## Media Options:

- DVDs: Required viewing is on a DVD that is borrowed from the Office of Faith Formation. Additional assignments are required.
- Online Video: (\*) Required viewing for this course is available online at [www.archlouff.org](http://www.archlouff.org), under the *Online Learning* tab. Additional assignments are required.
- Google Classroom: (\*\*) All assignments and classwork are online.

### Creating Sabbath in Our Lives

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.  
for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 7 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation  
There is a total of 5 sessions.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., originally presented this three-day retreat at King's House Retreat and Renewal Center, Belleville, IL. It has been replicated as a five-session video program that can be used for small group faith sharing, or for private spiritual renewal. Sessions presented are: 1) Sabbath As the First Retreat; 2) Obstacles to Sabbath; 3) Showing Up for the Wedding Feast and Taking the Ointment; 4) Sabbath as Solitude and Reconciliation; and 5) Sabbath: The Rest in God.

Completion Requirement: After viewing all sessions, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### Foundation of Liturgy \*

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.  
for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

This presentation is a brief overview of the historical development of liturgy, the basic principles of celebrating liturgy and the introduction/concluding Rites of the Mass.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### Images of God \*

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.  
for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Images of God or toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality

An exploration into both the personal and communal images of God and how those images impact our sense of community and ministry.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching \*\***

Date: Ongoing: This online class may be started at any time.  
Location: Google Classroom  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Go to <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzE5MjM1MjcwOTE5?cjc=6jenbm4> to begin the class.  
Catechist Credit: 7 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

This course will provide you with a general understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and practical ways to integrate it into your curriculum.

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**Introduction to Prayer \***

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.  
for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Prayer or toward Theology in the content area of Prayer

This is a study of the diverse forms of individual and communal prayer and identification of one's own preferred style of prayer.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Introduction to Sacraments \***

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.  
for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Sacraments or toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

This presentation explores the meaning of the Sacraments, the role they have in the Church, and the principles of liturgical celebration of the Sacraments.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### **Introduction to Scripture**

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Scripture or toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

*Echoes of Faith Plus: The Scriptures* explores the central themes and message of the Bible. It explains what the Bible is and why it is considered the holy book of the Christian community. It introduces some of the foundational stories of the Bible.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### **Introduction to Spirituality \***

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.  
for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality

This presentation is an appreciation of diverse expressions of both personal and communal spirituality and the exploration of the activities of the Spirit of the Church and in the world.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### **Living in the Image and Likeness of God**

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation.  
There is a total of 3 sessions.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., originally presented this three-day retreat at King's House Retreat and Renewal Center, Belleville, IL. It has been replicated as a three-session video program that can be used for small group faith sharing, or for private spiritual renewal. Sessions presented are: 1) The Struggle – Our Congenital Discontent and its deep root, Its Deep Root – The “image and likeness of God” inside of us; 2) The Struggles inherent in our Blessedness, Our simplistic and romanticized notion of this Divine energy inside – its struggles; 3) Living Healthily Inside Divine Madness, Living the Divine Fire Inside us – Commandments for the Long Haul.

Completion Requirement: After viewing all sessions, write a one-to-two- page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Major Themes of Scripture**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This presentation is a survey of the primary themes of Scripture and how they are relevant in our lives today.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Morality, Ethics, and Social Justice**

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Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Morality

*Echoes of Faith Plus: Catholic Morality* explores the foundations of Catholic morality and the practice of the moral life. It covers topics such as, Virtues, Objective and Subjective Morality, Human Actions, the Meaning of Sin, and Conscience.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I \*\***

Date: Ongoing: This online class may be started at any time.  
Location: Google Classroom  
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)  
Registration: Go to <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzMyNDA2NzkyNDZa?cjc=tjvcoaj> to begin the class.  
Catechist Credit: 2 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry

This course is an introductory overview of catechesis, which will provide participants with a general understanding of the purpose, goals, and methodology of the ministry of catechesis. It will introduce the National Directory for Catechesis and provide catechists with ideas and resources to use in catechetical session planning.

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**Overview of the Mass \***

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for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

This presentation focuses on the Mass, the “source and summit” of all the Church’s activity, as well as, the meaning and purpose of the primary elements of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Past and Present**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, starting from Biblical times to post-Vatican II.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Sacrament of Baptism, Past and Present**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto discusses the nature and purpose of the Sacrament of Baptism, and how its theology and ritual changed over 2,000 years.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Sacrament of Confirmation, Past and Present**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of Confirmation, starting from Biblical times to post-Vatican II.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Sacrament of Eucharist, Past and Present**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto discusses the nature and purpose of the Sacrament of Eucharist, and how its theology and ritual changed over 2,000 years.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Sacrament of Holy Orders, Past and Present**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, starting from Biblical times to post-Vatican II.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### **Sacrament of Matrimony, Past and Present**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of the Sacrament of Matrimony, starting from Biblical times to post-Vatican II. Chesto offers an engaging presentation in language that is comprehensible and clear.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Past and Present**

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Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

Expert author Kathleen Chesto discusses the nature and purpose of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and how its theology and ritual changed over 2,000 years.

Completion Requirement: After viewing video, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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### **Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues**

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Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

Reverend Robert E. Barron presents a challenging presentation of the Seven Deadly Sins... and for his message of hope, found in the Seven Lively Virtues.

- Pride/Humility
- Envy/Admiration
- Anger/Forgiveness
- Sloth/Zeal
- Avarice/Generosity
- Gluttony/Asceticism
- Lust/Chastity

Completion Requirement: After viewing the DVD, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Spiritual Growth in Tough Times**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation.  
There is a total of 3 sessions.

This series by well-known presenter Joyce Rupp, OSM, offers practical ideas and inspirational stories to help us through the difficult times of our lives. Sessions presented are: 1) Wait, Watch, Work, and Don't Give Up; 2) Find a Reason to Hope; and 3) Trust and Lean on God.

Completion Requirement: After viewing all sessions, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

Ron Rolheiser, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, focuses on two distinct parts of growth and discipleship. We leave home at an early age and spend many years trying to find our way back. How do we get back again? That's the spiritual task for the first half of life. But where do we go once we're back home? That's the spirituality for the second half of life.

Completion Requirement: After viewing Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the videos (DVD or online), write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Theology of Church \***

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for class materials (DVD or video link) and additional assignments.  
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

This presentation explores the meaning and mission of the Church and the role Baptism has within it.

Completion Requirement: Type a minimum of two pages to summarize your learning from the assignment. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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**Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness**

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for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation.  
There is a total of 3 sessions.

Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of “the One who is, Jesus Christ.” He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: 1) Finding the Center; 2) Knowing You’re a Sinner; and 3) Realizing Your Life is Not About You. He also provides practical approaches to enhance the journey along these three paths.

Completion Requirement: After viewing all sessions, write a one-to-two-page reflection paper to summarize what you have learned. Papers should be prepared in 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.

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## **Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)** **Online Classes from the University of Dayton**

**To register and pay for Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) courses, go to the VLCFF University of Dayton web site at [vlcff.udayton.edu](http://vlcff.udayton.edu).**

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is an initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the Church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.

The VLCFF is coordinated and sponsored by the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. **The Archdiocese of Louisville is a partner diocese with VLCFF.** VLCFF courses are preapproved for Catechist Credit with the Archdiocese of Louisville.

All VLCFF classes have set start, end, and registration dates. Classes are offered in 3-5 week cycles.

Course Cost: \$40.00 - \$50.00 per course.

Many courses have required resources (textbooks or reading materials). To find the required resources for a class go to the course description at [vlcff.udayton.edu](http://vlcff.udayton.edu). The Office of Faith Formation may have these resources available to loan. Contact Elo Rowan, [erowan@archlou.org](mailto:erowan@archlou.org), to inquire about borrowing the resources.

For more information about VLCFF classes go to [vlcff.udayton.edu](http://vlcff.udayton.edu) or contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org) or 502-636-0296 ext. 1267.

### **Cycle 4**

Dates: May 27- June 30, 2024  
Registration: Opens April 10, & Closes May 22, 2024

### **Cycle 5**

Dates: July 15- August 18, 2024  
Registration: Opens May 29, & Closes July 10, 2024

### **Cycle 6**

Dates: September 2- October 6, 2024  
Registration: Opens July 17, & Closes August 28, 2024

## **Courses:**

### **Angels in the Bible – Cycle 4 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

The Bible is filled with scenes in which angelic beings are employed to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, worship God, and protect God's people. This course will examine how the Bible describes angels and what they do on God's behalf. Because angels are mediators of God's action, the discussion of angels is more than examining one part of creation. Studying angels is studying God.

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### **An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary– Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices

This course will provide a general understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches about the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will emphasize the four Marian dogmas and discern how these and other doctrines pertain to the life of each Christian.

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### **Autism in Faith Formation – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics, 5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, and 5 hours applies toward Methods

This e-course introduces catechetical leaders, catechists, catholic school educators and parents to a deeper understanding and the impact of autism spectrum disorders on faith formation. It can be perceived as a guide for cultivating faith learning environments that support and incorporate persons with autism within the catechetical environment. Understanding developmental disorders, including autism, will make it easier to embrace individuals with these disorders and their families in parish life. The course will also cover proven suggestions and techniques to engage and communicate effectively with individuals with autism spectrum disorders within catechetical settings.

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### **A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics, 5 hours applies in Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, and 5 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry is a five-week course introducing students to the vision and principles for developing a comprehensive framework for youth ministry. Students will explore the historical development as well as contemporary models of the Catholic Church's efforts to reach out to young people and their families. Finally, students will be introduced to a leadership system for creating a stable, vibrant, and lasting ministry within their ministry setting.

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### **Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is...) – Cycle 4 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 5 hours apply toward Overview of Catechetical Ministry; 2.5 hours apply toward Faith Development and 7.5 hours apply toward Catechetics

Understanding the significance of catechists for both nurturing an encounter with Jesus Christ within those we catechize and appreciating one's sense of vocation as a catechist.

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**Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.2 (Vocation of the Catechist) – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of General Theology and 10 hours apply toward Catechetics/Methods

This e-seminar explores the meaning of the Vocation of the Catechist. Pope Francis states: “The catechist, is a Christian who is mindful of God, who is guided by the memory of God in his or her entire life and who is able to awaken that memory in the hearts of others”. As a catechist, you are responsible to hand on the authentic Catholic Faith. Yet, this faith needs to be rooted in our own lives as catechists. It is essential that catechists have a sense of ‘vocation’ for their high calling to proclaim the Good News. What is your sense of an authentic meaning of the vocation for being a catechist?

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**Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.3 The Human Development and Spirituality of the Catechist and Learner – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 2.5 hours apply toward Faith Development, 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality, and 7.5 hours apply toward Catechetics, or 5 hours apply toward Theology in the are content area of Spirituality and 10 hours apply toward Catechetics

This e-seminar will present an overview of the nature of spirituality and various models of spiritual growth and human development set forth by James Fowler, John Westerhoff, Lawrence Kohlberg, and Carol Gilligan. The e-seminar will enable individuals to both assess their own growth and development and recognize various stages in those they teach. Materials include short articles, videos, and selections from the National Directory for Catechesis and the Directory for Catechesis.

This is the third e-seminar for Level 1 of the VLCFF E-Cat Seminar Series. Catechists learn about the various stages of human development in line with the spiritual development of both the catechist and the learner. It is recommended, but not required that the catechist participates in Basics of Catechist Formation 1:1: Catechesis is..... (This three-week e-seminar offers a brief history of the Church’s catechetical ministry) and Basics of Catechist Formation 1.2: Vocation of the Catechist (This three-week e-seminar explores what it means to be a catechist today).

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**Bereavement Ministry: A Christian Perspective – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours applies toward Catholic Beliefs and Practices

- Discovering grief from a Christian perspective
  - Understanding bereavement, grief and loss – development of current understandings
  - Reflecting on personal experiences of grief and loss
  - Responding to people who are bereaved
  - Living with loss
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**Bible Basics – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 20 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture and 5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

This course presupposes that an individual has not had a general overview of the Bible. This is a great place to begin. The course cannot cover everything one needs to know for navigating into the world of the Scriptures, but one is given a few basic concepts to begin the journey. If you have ever wondered how the Bible is arranged, what types of writings can be found in it, how to navigate through the Bible, and how to interpret the Bible as a Catholic, you are about to begin an interesting discovery.

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### **Catechetical Methodology – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Catechetics

This course is both instructional and formational in nature, and is intended to provide a comfortable, prayerful, theological, relational and practical approach to catechetical formation for all ministers of catechesis: those who serve as Catholic community catechetical leaders; catechists for adults, young adults, teens, and children; and RCIA coordinators. This course will guide catechetical ministers as they grow in appreciation of their own identity and role as catechists. It will equip them with basic principles and skills for wise choices and effective use of catechetical methods and materials that are consistent with Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization: Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide.

The Church does not have a particular method for transmitting the faith. Rather, she encourages catechists to discern contemporary methods in light of the pedagogy of God and to use with liberty "everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honor and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise"• (Phil 4:8). Effective catechists will choose those methods which are not contrary to the Gospel and adapt them to the subjects in the curriculum. Catechetical methodology has the simple objective of education in the faith. It applies the educational sciences and skills of communication to catechesis and inspires the learned to life the faith and share it.

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### **Catholic Beliefs – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 20 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices and 5 hours apply toward Catechetics

A clear understanding of our central belief system is essential for any Catholic. This course will enable the student to appreciate the function of doctrine and the process of theology through which doctrines develop in the Roman Catholic Tradition. In addition, students will develop the skills to articulate personal beliefs, explain the role and function of faith in theology, and describe the role of the catechist in passing on the tradition.

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### **Catholic Identity and Culture – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices and 10 hours applies toward Catechetics

This e-seminar is specifically designed for Catholic school administrators, faculty, staff, Board Members and families to enhancing their understanding for what it means to be a Catholic School in the 21st century. The e-seminar presents the newest Standards, Benchmarks and Catholic Church teaching for nurturing the Catholic ethos of our Catholic schools. This e-seminar was designed by Bro. William Campbell, SM, PhD, who has been a Catholic School Principal, Superintendent, former NCEA staff and now serving on the Marianist Provincial Council. He articulates the basic practical wisdom that can animate profound conversations within the Catholic School community. There are a variety of models for implementing this e-seminar for an effective planning process within the Catholic School.

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### **Christology – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Christology and 10 hours in the content area of Scripture)

This understanding of Jesus Christ is the fruit of the study of person and mission of Jesus Christ: Christology. This has been a central focus of study for theology since the beginning of the Church. What we believe and argue today about whom Jesus is and what He did was earned through much prayer, thought and argument. This course will enable students to learn and understand the foundations upon which all Christology rests, the theology developed from the apostolic age through the Council of Chalcedon in the fifth century A.D.

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### **Chronic Illness: Mental Illness, Grief, Trauma Support and Counseling – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Electives

Chronic Illness: Mental Illness, Grief, Trauma Support, and Counseling provides participants with information about living with mental illness and repercussions from trauma, as well as the impact on family, friends, the community, and the Church. Today, mental health and the impact of trauma are beginning to receive attention in the Church and around the world due to increasing deaths from suicide and addiction, as well as the sizeable number of children growing up with a history of trauma, abuse, and neglect. This course is designed for anyone who works with children and adults at the diocese or parish levels, including pastors, deacons, catechetical leaders, catechists, parochial school principals and teachers, and lay ministers. A degree or background in counseling or psychology is not necessary to complete this course. Because conversations about death from suicide, violence, and addiction are essential to address when discussing mental illness and trauma, participants should be aware that these topics will be discussed.

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### **Church History 1 – Cycle 4 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

Basic knowledge and deep appreciation of Church History enables us to understand how the Catholic Church has evolved through time. We see how the Holy Spirit was and continues to be present. We become familiar with men and women who attempted to define the nature and role of the Church in each period of history. The road was not easy as religious, political, economic, and social tensions impacted the Church's unfolding story. Church History 1 is one of two parts of a basic introduction to the History of the Church. This course covers the period from Pentecost to the beginning of the Reformation. While we cannot cover in depth all the factors which influenced the development of the early Church, we are able to begin the journey here.

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### **Church History 2 – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

There are two parts to our Church History courses: Church History I and Church History II. It is recommended that Church History I precede engaging in Church History II in order to understand the flow and development of the Church through her 2000-year-old history.

Church History 2 navigates the student from the Reformation (where Church History I ended) through the Second Vatican Council into the 21st century. Students explore the cultural, political, social and religious factors which influenced the Church's journey. Significant men and women emerged to support and challenge the Church's understanding of herself and relationship with the world.

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### **Communication and Community – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Methods

If you are convinced that the Good News deserves effective communication, and if you have experienced ineffective communication in a parish, this is the course for you! Through a series of readings and exercises, participants in this course will acquire theological knowledge, some intercultural communication constructs, communication skills in listening, assertion and conflict management and the ability to begin to plan for effective communication. No matter your precious experience or skill level, this course will offer you a chance to once again be convinced that ecclesial leaders need concepts, constructs and skills to hand on the good news of Jesus Christ.

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### **Conscience – Cycle 4 & Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Morality and 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

Helping the student see morality as a response to the universal call to holiness and as a response to the invitation of eternal life with God, this introductory course relies heavily on the Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Thomas Schindler's series of articles on morality to explore the theology and the process of moral decision-making.

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### **Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Parish Life- Pastoral Implications – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 20 hours applies toward Methods, and 5 hours applies toward Catechetics

This e-course is an attempt to introduce catechists to understanding the meaning and impact of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) on faith formation. It is a guide for cultivating faith learning environments that support and incorporate the person with ADHD within the catechetical environment. Understanding ADHD will make it easier to embrace individuals with this condition and their families in parish life. This course is designed to help participants to understand the symptoms of ADHD syndrome. E-Learners will also be presented with suggestions for techniques that work to engage individuals with ADHD in catechesis and facilitate appropriate behavior. *\*\*\*Please note: the course Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview is a prerequisite for this course.*

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### **Designing and Implementing Adult Learning and Faith Formation – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Catechetics

This course concludes the Certificate in Adult Learning and Faith Formation. The major goal of this course is to assist you in developing and implementing an ongoing process for adult learning and faith formation in your parish or area, incorporating what you have learned in the six previous courses of this certificate. This course will look at pastoral planning, how it applies to adult learning and faith formation, the role of technology in adult learning, the importance of marketing and communication, the role of evaluation and guidelines for choosing resources for adult learning and faith formation. In this course you will be asked to apply what you have learned and discovered in the previous six courses. The ongoing planning for the development and implementation of adult learning and faith formation will create a solid foundation for lifelong learning and growth of adults.

This course is part of a specialized Certificate in Adult Formation Leadership and is meant to be taken as part of a sequence. This course pre-supposes knowledge in previous courses. Refer to the certificate page.

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**Directory for Catechesis: A General Overview and Reflection (Seminar) – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 15 hours apply toward Catechetics

This e-seminar is an overview of the Directory for Catechesis which presents how-to guidelines for catechesis within the work of evangelization. This e-seminar gives primary consideration to key concepts that are new, expanded, or changed from previous directories. It is recommended for clergy, parish staff, volunteer catechists, teaches, ministry heads, and all involved in formal religious instruction.

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**Directory for Catechesis: In Depth Review and Study – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 20 hours apply toward Catechetics, and 5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Culture and Diversity

The *Directory for Catechesis*, presented to the universal church on June 24, 2020, was developed to address the current needs of catechesis such as the globalization of culture, the rise of a digital culture, the need for the “way of beauty” in catechesis, and other pastoral needs and opportunities for catechesis. This e-course will explore those issues as well as practical guidelines for catechesis within the work of evangelization. The e-course is recommended for all involved in formal religious education.

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**Ecclesiology: A Theological, Historical and Pastoral Summary – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

Draw a historical line from the origin of the Church its present and future.  
Strengthen the knowledge that the participants have of the Church its structure, its theology and spirituality.  
Establish continuity between the mission of Jesus and the Church.  
Advance the concept of an evangelization for today's world.

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**Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (13 hours in the content area of Church and 12 hours in the content area of Scripture)

As a topic *Ecclesiology*, the Theology of Church, studies the Church in itself, that is, as an institution with a 2000-year history. This course is the first in a series of three courses, which together will give the student a basic understanding of a topic that is essential for effective catechesis. The first part, *Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church*, introduces the student to the theological study of the Church. The student will become familiar with basic terms and concepts that are essential for understanding the Church's nature and mission, and how these have been a constant theme in the Church's evolution as a “living organism” throughout history.

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**Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

The Pilgrim Church is the second in a series of three courses in ecclesiology, the theology of church. Building on the understanding of church developed in *The Beginnings of the Church*, this course continues to explore how the Church, as a living organism through the centuries, both maintains its continuity with Jesus and reshapes its own self-understanding. We will see how the Church continually reconstitutes itself through its decisions in meeting the challenges of each age.

Prerequisites for this course include these VCLFF courses: "Scripture: New Testament," "Images of Jesus (or Christology)," and "Ecclesiology: The Beginnings of the Church."

**[Catechists and lay ecclesial ministers are required to take all three courses in order.]**

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### **Ecclesiology: Reframing Church – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Church and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices)

Reframing Church is the third in the VLCFF track introduction to Ecclesiology and builds on the learning in the first two courses in this track, Reframing Church concentrates on the developments at Vatican II. Like the preceding courses, Beginnings of the Church and the Pilgrim Church, this course intends both to help the student build his or her knowledge base about the Church but also to acquire skills for thinking about the Church in itself. All of the major events of Church history either caused or resulted from a change in the Church's self-understanding. There is not "big bang" theory of how the Church came to be! Although the event of Vatican II startled many inside and outside the Catholic Church, it, too, was a result of social, cultural, and political change in society that demanded fresh responses from the Roman Catholic Church. As in the previous courses, the image of the Church as a "living organ" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) will again focus our attention. Specific topics such as the Council's teaching on liturgy, Scripture, hierarchy, laity, and the Church's relationship with the world are examined for their cumulative effect on the Church as a whole. The title of this course, Reframing Church, indicates the essential first step we must take to achieve this understanding: seeing the Church within the frame of assumptions, beliefs, and values underlying the texts. Although Vatican II dealt with issues we know have with the Church from the beginning, the Council's framing of the issues casts them in an entirely new light. Our response to the Council will be more informed to the extent that we understand the frame surrounding the word "Church" after Vatican II.

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### **Echoes of Racism: Whispers of Healing (Seminar) – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

Racism has plagued most countries for centuries. This seminar is an attempt to understand what Catholic Christians are called to do in the face of racism. In Genesis 1: 26, Scripture tells us we are made in the image and likeness of God. If so, then human beings must endeavor to see the image of God in all persons whom they encounter. This seminar will address socio-cultural underpinnings of racism, and then, discuss possible solutions from a faith perspective.

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### **Faith and Human Development – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 22.5 hours apply toward Catechetics and 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality or 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Faith Development, 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level in the content area of Images of God, and 20 hours apply toward Catechetics

The course provides an introduction to stage theories of human development and spiritual growth. Participants will consider the relationship between the maturation of human beings and their growth in the spiritual life. The works of Fowler, Erikson, Kohlberg, Gilligan, Piaget and others will provide the foundation for examining psychological and spiritual growth during childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle age, and older adulthood. Particular attention is given to moral and ego development in relationship to spiritual progress.

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### **Faith Formation for Adults with Special Needs - Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 10 hours applied toward Methods, 10 hours apply toward Catechetics, 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices

Adults who have Intellectual Disabilities have spiritual needs. Many welcome the opportunity to become more aware of God's presence with them when they have an appropriate catechesis. An appropriate catechesis, such as the one presented at the end of this course, will help them become, using one example, more knowledgeable of sacred articles that are part of Catholic prayer and worship at the Sunday liturgy. Hopefully this course will promote a better sense of belonging for them.

Rooted in the Gospel healings of Jesus, and stepping out of a dark history, many adults with developmental disabilities are now welcomed into a full life within the Catholic Church. Having been included in parish life in the recent past, and to hasten a better sense of belonging, adults with cognitive developmental disabilities can now be offered opportunities to enrich their faith.

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### **Foundations and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith Formation - Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours apply toward Catechetics and 10 hours toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices

The Catholic Church, through a series of international and national documents, has called for more emphasis on adult faith formation since Vatican II. This emphasis on adult faith formation will necessitate a greater understanding of how to foster lifelong catechesis in adults ages 18-108. This course will lay the foundation for the remaining six courses in this Adult Faith Formation certificate program.

Adult learning and faith formation need to be situated within the vision of lifelong catechesis. This course looks at the vision for lifelong catechesis; the vision of adult faith formation; the role of evangelization and conversion; the goals, tasks and principles for adult faith formation; and roles in adult learning and faith formation.

This course is part of a specialized [Certificate in Adult Formation Leadership](#) and is meant to be taken as part of a sequence. This course pre-supposes knowledge in the previous courses. Refer to the certificate page for more information.

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### **Foundations for Liturgy – Cycle 4 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

In this course, students will be able to explain the basic parts of the Mass including prayers, the three components of a church building, and the basic signs, symbols and rituals in liturgy that help us understand how God communicates with us.

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### **History of Catholic Social Action – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

This is an ADVANCED level course and should not be attempted without sufficient grounding in the basics of the Catholic faith.

The Catholic Social Tradition is often identified with the official social documents of the Church. As valuable as these teachings are, they only tell part of the story of Catholic social ministry. These official teachings have been influenced and shaped by the activism of Catholics around the world. The documents, in turn, have motivated and encouraged various forms of Catholic Social Action and Ministry. This course exposes the participants to some of the highlights of this rich tradition of Catholic Social Action.

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### **Images of Jesus – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours apply toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Christology, 10 hours in the content area of Scripture and 5 hours in the content area of Liturgy) or 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level toward Introduction to Christology and 22.5 hours apply toward Theology (7.5 hours in the content area of Christology, 10 hours in the content area of Scripture, and 5 hours in the content area of Liturgy)

**Note:** It is advisable to have taken Introduction to Scripture before attempting this course. Through this course the participant will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

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### **Images of Mary – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices

Our Blessed Mother, Mary, is seen as a mother-figure in many cultures. The goal of this seminar is to present the basic concept of Mary as Mother of God as seen in art, and some global perspectives for enrichment, as well as a deeper appreciation of the role she plays within other cultures.

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### **Introduction to Christian Morality – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (18 hours in the content area of Morality and 7 hours in the content area of Scripture)

As Christians, we are called to a standard of living that reflects not only the Ten Commandments but also the Beatitudes. We are created in the image and likeness of God and thus challenged to live the way of Christ. Jesus is the "way, the truth, the life." This course introduces participants to moral principles and convictions that give meaning to our actions, the role Scriptures, the Church and conscience play in shaping how we act and how our behavior is a response to our love relationships in the human community. The nature of sin, grace and virtue will be explored.

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### **Introduction to Liturgy – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Liturgy and 5 hours in the content area of Scripture)

As central to the life of the Christian person, liturgy engages the heart, body and soul in praise, thanks and worship of God as Trinity. In this course, participants will study the ritual and symbolic meaning of liturgy, its structural elements and its importance to Christian worship and life. All reading material is built into the course.

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### **Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

**Note:** This course presumes a fundamental background in Old Testament.

It is an intermediate level introduction to Paul's life and letters. The course begins with an in-depth look at Paul's autobiography according to his letters and then moves on to discuss the seven authentic letters of Paul as both history and theology. Topics such as Paul and Politics, Paul and Women, Paul and the Second Coming, Paul and Slavery, Paul and Judaism, and Paul on Salvation and Suffering will be discussed throughout the five weeks of this course. Students will read a variety of materials including some of the most important articles written about Paul in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. At the completion of this course students will be able to situate Paul in his first-century environment and talk intelligently about how Paul's theology is relevant for today's church.

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### **Introduction to Practical Morality – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Morality and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

This course is designed to provide participants with knowledge of the foundations of moral theology and conscience formation. A focal point for the course will be an understanding of the human being's relationship with God who created us in His image and likeness and what that means for moral living. The sacred and social dimensions of being human will be explored. Participants will learn a process for moral decision-making and will practice applying the process in practical life situations.

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### **Introduction to Prayer – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Prayer and 10 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation or 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Prayer and 12.5 apply toward Theology in the content area of Prayer and 10 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

"Prayer is our means of taking a sighting, of re-orienting ourselves – by re-establishing contact with our goal. In the presence of God many components of our life fall into perspective and our journey makes more sense. Prayer is inseparable from living"• (Casey, p.5). This course explores prayer as essential to our lives as Christian people, as individuals and within our community of faith. Through this course, students will explore the qualities, forms and expressions of prayer that help to form and sustain our lives as Catholic Christians.

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### **Introduction to Scripture – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours apply toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Scripture and 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices) or 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Scripture and 22.5 apply toward Theology (17.5 hours in the content area of Scripture and 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices)

This course presupposes that an individual has not had a general overview of the Bible and is interested in a **Bible Basics course**. The Introduction to Scripture course cannot cover everything one needs to know for navigating into the world of the Scriptures, but one is given a few basic concepts to begin the journey. This course will focus how the Bible came about, what were some of the cultural factors which influenced the events around the writing of the Old and New Testaments, and what Church documents today tell us about the Bible. You are about to begin an interesting journey.

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### **Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments and 10 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

The Sacraments of Initiation draw us deeply into Christ's life and life within the Christian community, and through them we are sent out in mission in Christ's name. This course will provide a foundational study and reflection on the history and theology of these key sacramental moments.

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### **Leadership in Ministry – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Methods

Leadership in Ministry invites participants to encounter some of the scholarship and tools within the field of leadership/management studies with an eye to their applicability in an ecclesial setting. If you take this course, you will be introduced to Robert Greenleaf, Warren Bennis, Jim Collins, Juana Bordas and others, familiar and new, whose work can enable the development of a leadership perspective that serves the ecclesial minister. In this course, you will consider the relationship between leadership and management, Jesus as a model leader, and some trends in ecclesial leadership. While the Church is not a corporation or a business, it does have some of the same organizational demands, and leadership/management is one of them. What general principles of leadership apply in an ecclesial setting? What are some of the unique leadership characteristics for those who serve Christ and the Church? What is your individual leadership style? Finally, lest you think this is just a theoretical course, you will have the chance to consider some of the skills necessary to serve as an ecclesial leader: planning, community building and running a meeting to name three.

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### **Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Methods

During this course, you will discover your leadership strengths and learn the various tasks of Christian leaders. Leadership for adult learning and faith formation calls for skills in collaboration, along with ways of forming and empowering others for roles in adult learning and faith formation. Included will be learning how to facilitate effective meetings, methods for communication, dealing with conflict and ways for leaders to create a balanced approach to Christian life.

This course is part of a specialized [Certificate in Adult Formation Leadership](#) and is meant to be taken as part of a sequence. This course pre-supposes knowledge in the previous courses. Refer to the certificate page for more information.

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### **Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation

If we don't listen to the world's stereotypes, myths and jokes about getting older, our lives are filled with possibilities, growth, depth and joy, particularly in the things that matter. The spirituality of our maturing years enables us to be maturing persons of integrity, touching the world with gifts that are so needed. This seminar explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality.

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### **Liturgical Books – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

This course on Liturgical Books introduces students to some of the most utilized liturgical books of the Roman Catholic Church. Each week there will be a focus on a specific book or rite of the church. Week One will be an introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church outside of Eucharistic liturgies. Week Two will focus on the Lectionary, and the history of the cycles of readings. The Rites of RCIA and of Baptism, how the faithful are initiated into the Church, are central to the discussion of Week Three. Week Four details the Roman Missal, the book which contains the prayers and instructions for celebrating Mass in the Catholic Church. Finally, in Week Five, the Rite of Christian Funerals, an essential piece for all those in ministerial settings in the Church, will be examined. The goal of each session is not to just to become familiar with the texts, but to draw on them as resources for the ministerial and liturgical life in the Church.

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### **Mary and Spirituality: A Journey of Holiness – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices and 10 hours in the content area of Liturgy)

During this course participants will learn:

- What the term spirituality means from the Catholic perspective
  - The uniqueness and importance of Mary's relationship with the Holy Spirit
  - Why Mary is a good model of prayer and contemplation
  - Some of the key moments of prayer, in Mary's faith journey
  - The key virtues of Mary
  - To explain why Mary is worthy of imitation
  - What is meant by Mary's spiritual motherhood
  - Why Mary is our spiritual mother
  - The right order of devotion to Mary
  - Popular Catholic devotions to Mary that can help foster love of God
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### **Mary in the Liturgical Life of the Church – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices and 10 hours in the content area of Liturgy)

The role of Mary in the liturgical life of the Catholic Church is the focus of this course. We will reflect on how her presence in the liturgy brings worshippers closer to her Son and deeper into the Paschal Mystery. Besides considering Mary's presence in the general liturgical texts, we will also look at the Church's special collection of Marian Masses and a Marian adaptation of the Liturgy of the Hours. As a case study in drawing meaning from those special Masses, we will practice using the prayers and Scripture readings from one, the Mass of the Visitation, to conduct a liturgical reflection.

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### **Ministry Leadership in the Church Today – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Methods

We are all called to serve the Church and serve as missionaries among the people of God. Each according to their specific skills and talents will serve the Church. During these three weeks we will know, what is the theoretical, theological and pastoral framework that today's leaders need to serve the Church. We will study several documents of the Church among them is the *Christifideles laici*, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* and *Redemptoris Missio*. During this course we will analyze organizational, communication and pastoral skills.

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### **Moral Injury: When Our Pain Blocks God's Joy – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Church, 10 hours in the content area of Morality, and 5 hours in the content area of Sacraments)

This course will introduce participants to the topic of moral injury, its potential origins, including from war or other highly stressful professions or situations, and ways to help people suffering from it. Through a focus on how Christian faith and Catholic religious practice can support and encourage those affected by moral injury, participants will review Church teaching on military service, war, formation of conscience, and forgiveness and reconciliation. By the end of the course, participants will have acquired a working knowledge of moral injury and how it is distinct from and overlaps with posttraumatic stress (PTS/PTSD) and have information on resources for further education and raising awareness of moral injury at the parish level.

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### **Music in Liturgy – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

This course covers the basic role of music within the liturgical rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Special emphasis is given to introductory best practices in planning hymnody for Sunday Masses and Feast days.

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### **New Testament – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This course is the third of basic level introductory courses to Scripture. We recommend the courses be taken in sequence especially if a student has had limited previous studies in Scripture. The sequencing enables the student to cultivate a strong Biblical foundation for understanding and applying the Scriptures in their lives. The sequence is: (1) Introduction to the Scriptures, (2) Introduction to the Old Testament and (3) Introduction to the New Testament.

This course attempts to explore the stories in and behind the writings we call the New Testament. The course is a general overview introducing the student to the cultural context, composition, themes and pastoral application of the New Testament accounts for growing in Biblical knowledge. As in the Old Testament, we will study the texts from the threefold perspective of the World within the Text: Literature, The World behind the Text: History, and the World in Front of the Text: Our Culture. Through the study of Biblical maps, articles and religious art present on authoritative websites, our text and class discussions students can grow in New Testament knowledge, understanding and application to their life and ministry.

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### **Old Testament – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This course is the second of basic level introductory courses to Scripture. We recommend the courses be taken in sequence especially if a student has had limited previous studies in Scripture. The sequencing enables the student to cultivate a strong Biblical foundation for understanding and applying the Scriptures in their lives. The sequence is: (1) Introduction to the Scriptures, (2) Introduction to the Old Testament and (3) Introduction to the New Testament.

This course paves the way for students to develop deeper personal understanding and appreciation for the Biblical context, structure (Canon), authoring, meaning and historical impact of the Old Testament. Students are introduced to methods of reading Biblical texts, understanding the story lines and process of interpretation with cultural contexts, and current trends in Biblical research. Students are encouraged to respect the wholeness of the Biblical texts. This approach assists students as they acquire new skills and tools to navigate through the Old Testament and apply its wisdom to their spiritual lives and ministry.

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### **Old Testament Literature and Theology – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

After readings and discussions on the Introductory Topics of biblical truth, religious myth, and the foundational nature of the Old Testament in the Catholic Canon of Scripture, the course introduces the student in the remaining four sessions to the four divisions of the Old Testament in the Catholic Tradition: 1) the Pentateuch; 2) the Historical Books; 3) the Prophetic Books and 4) the Wisdom Literature.

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### **On Bended Knee – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 10 apply toward Spiritual Formation and 5 hours apply toward Theology (2.5 hours in the content area of Liturgy and 2.5 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

Based on the Pastoral Letter of Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, Diocese of Greensburg, this online seminar is a spiritual journey for critically reflecting upon one's understanding of the Eucharist and its meaning and impact on our relationships with one another. Eucharist is so much more than getting our attendance card checked off in heaven for attending Mass on the weekend. The Eucharist calls us to service!

A prayerful environment is important for this topic. While journeying through this seminar it is appropriate, if you are able, to create a special reflective space or environment to enter into the experience. You may need to select a special time to participate in these sessions to ensure your prayerful journey. You may decide to light a special prayer candle. Begin each session by taking a few moments to center yourself in the presence of God. In session #2, you are asked to reflect on a cross (one that is particularly special to you). Journal: It is recommended that you keep a personal journal as you proceed through the seminar. You may do this in a handbook or as a Word document. The journal helps us to focus and monitor our reflections for growing in understanding how Eucharist calls you to service!

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### **On the Call to Holiness (Gaudete Et Exsultate) – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices

This course:

- Will be an introduction to the Apostolic Exhortation – Call to Holiness
  - Will Highlight the Beatitudes
  - Will Exploring Discernment for Nurturing one's spiritual life
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### **Our Hearts Were Burning – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Catechetics

Published at the end of 1999, the plan seeks to place adult faith formation where it belongs: At the center of Parish Catechesis. As the only Church document that uses the term "adult faith formation," the plan provides not only encouragement to leaders but also practical strategies for embedding adult faith formation within the fabric of parish life.

This three-week seminar gives leaders in adult faith formation the opportunity to read selected key passages from the plan, to reflect on our bishops' words in light of actual experience, and to share experiences of working with adults in faith formation settings.

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### **Panorama of the Old Testament – Cycle 4**

Catechist credit: 25 hours applies toward Theology in the content area Scripture

Studying the Old Testament can be a daunting task. This course provides a bird's eye view, a panorama of salient topics with which learners of the Old Testament must be familiar in a prayerful setting.

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### **Pastoral Approach to Culture – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Culture/Diversity

Faith is always expressed within a culture. One's culture shapes the way we understand and live the Church's beliefs and teachings. In order to effectively minister to people today it is important that the minister know and understand the culture of the people whom he or she is trying to serve. This course introduces ministers to the field of cultural studies and offers guidance to help the minister better serve the people in his or her community. On completing this course, the minister will have a solid grounding in the language of cultural studies, an understanding of the Catholic Church's practice of missiology and inculturation, and a basic awareness of how to work effectively in various cultural settings. Becoming a part of a new culture "the process known as acculturation" takes years to master; this course provides a solid foundation upon which to build that understanding.

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### **Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Catholic Social Teaching

**This is an ADVANCED level course and should not be attempted without sufficient grounding in the basics of the Catholic faith.**

While this course analyzes some of the conditions, causes and trends of poverty in the United States and abroad, the primary focus attempts to explore these dimensions and responses to poverty through the theological lens of Catholic Social Teaching. In addition, particular emphasis and analysis will be given to two contemporary issues: immigration and economic justice. Central to the course is the idea of praxis: online discussion, readings, written reflection and a service component offer a greater depth of understand of the broader structures within which poverty persists, and opportunity for both social analysis and theological reflection that leads to a faith response rooted in justice and love.

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### **Praying with Children – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Prayer and 10 hours apply toward Catechetics

Praying with Children involves a general exploration of spirituality within the Catholic tradition as well as an examination of personal spirituality. The course looks the variety of prayer styles and formulas in the Church and reflects upon the nature of spirituality in general. Praying with children needs to be done in a way that is developmentally appropriate for them, so that it fosters a hunger for the divine and a lifelong appreciation of spirituality.

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### **Principles for Addressing Diversity Issues in Youth Ministry – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Culture/Diversity and 10 hours apply toward Catechetics

This course provides an introduction to the importance of inclusivity in Youth Ministry in two important areas of diversity: intercultural ministry and the involvement of persons with disabilities. The course involves:

- An exploration of the concepts of intercultural ministry and culture; the challenges caused by the influx of diverse cultural communities in the Catholic Church, especially in the United States, and how the inclusion of multiple cultural and ethnic groups impacts effective Youth Ministry.
  - An examination of ways to promote intercultural awareness and understanding as well as some necessary skills for intercultural ministry, and a review of pastoral principles for effective Youth Ministry in a culturally diverse parish.
  - A review of the conclusions of the national Encuentro, a process that identified the needs, aspirations and pastoral commitments of Hispanic youth in the United States and a rationale for focusing on one ethnic group, Hispanics.
  - A brief review of Church directives and documents that provide a rationale for the inclusion of persons with disabilities into Youth Ministry programming.
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### **Prophets – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This course introduces students to the Major and Minor prophets of the Hebrew Bible. This course is a general overview introducing students to the cultural context, composition, themes, and pastoral application of the prophetic literature. As in the courses on the Old Testament and the New Testament, we will study the writings and lives of the prophets from the threefold perspective: literature, history, and our culture. Through the study of images, maps, timelines, and articles present on authoritative websites, our text and class discussions, students will grow in their knowledge of the Hebrew prophets. Students will also learn how to apply the message of the prophets to their own lives and ministries.

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### **RCIA: A Process of Conversion, Catechesis and Community – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Catechetics

This course is intended for leadership teams and individuals who are or will be involved in implementing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in their parishes. It is suitable for experienced teams as a refresher as well as for those new to the RCIA. The content of the course will help students appreciate the character of the RCIA as an extended process of formation for discipleship that focuses on conversion. Students will be able to explain how this process takes place within community, is supported by liturgical celebrations, and is enriched by appropriate and complete catechesis in each of its periods. We highly recommend that leadership teams take this course together and can arrange for a closed course if desired.

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### **Relational Ministry with Youth – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 10 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices and 15 hours apply toward Catechetic.

This course provides an introduction to relational ministry with youth. Participants will examine a mindset for relational ministry and its place relative to the Vision of Youth Ministry in the U.S Catholic Church. Specific attention will be given to theological reflection on the Incarnation of Jesus Christ as the starting point for building relationships with youth.

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### **Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Catechetics

This course explores the five tasks of catechesis as presented in the Directory for Catechesis (2020). Inspired by the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the five tasks serve as a roadmap, centered on our relationship with Jesus, that guide our mission to “go forth and make disciples of all nations” (Mt. 28:19).

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### **Sacraments – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours apply toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Sacraments and 5 hours applies toward content area of Liturgy) or 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Sacraments and 22.5 apply toward Theology (17.5 hours in the content area of Sacraments and 5 hours in the content area of Liturgy)

This course is an introductory overview of the theology of the Sacraments, the public, liturgical prayer of the Church. The Church is never so much the Church as when it is gathered together for liturgy. Jesus Himself is Sacrament, the visible sign of the invisible God. Eucharist is THE Sacrament for it contains all that we are, all that the Church is, and all that Jesus says of God. Each of the sacraments will be discussed within the context of its role in the lives of the faithful: initiation into God's life, healing and reconciliation, and service to God's community.

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### **Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Spirituality and 15 hours in the content area of Prayer)

The purpose of this course is to offer the learner a greater understanding of spirituality as it impacts the life of the individual and the community as a whole. Simply put, spirituality is "our effort with grace to become what we have been created by the Lord to be...." (*In His Spirit: A Guide to Today's Spirituality*, Hauser, p. 5). This course will explore the definition of spirituality offered above and what is necessary for growing in the spiritual life, namely, how to recognize the Spirit in all things. Key to growing in the Spirit and in the spiritual life is a keen awareness and desire to grow in relationship with God through prayer. In addition to discussing spirituality, this course will offer guidance and provide the learner with the opportunity to grow in prayer and praying through the exploration of a variety of types of prayer, each rooted in our Catholic tradition. This course is part of a specialized [Certificate in Adult Formation Leadership](#) and is meant to be taken as part of a sequence. This course pre-supposes knowledge in the previous courses. Refer to the certificate page for more information.

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### **Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple (Seminar) – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 10 hours apply toward Theology (5 hours in the content area of Culture/Diversity, 5 hours in the content area of Church), and 5 hours toward Spiritual Formation

In this seminar, we will reflect on how to cultivate a spirituality of mission, growing as missionary disciples. To do this, we will acquaint ourselves with some of the Church documents that deal with the spirituality of the missionary disciple, how to be a Church that is alive, attentively looking after the most vulnerable in our society, and some moments of reflection that will help create an experience of encounter with the Teacher through his inspirational message of renewal.

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### **Study of The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Spirituality, 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, 5 hours in the content area of Culture/Diversity, and 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

Pope Francis has "a dream: a Church working without hesitation on a path of pastoral and missionary conversion": an attitude that is personal and communal, "capable of transforming" habits, styles, language, and facilities, directing them towards evangelization rather than "self-preservation". (LR 11/29/13). The "dream" is the focus of the ***Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)***. It is the fruit of labors of the Synod of Bishops on the "*New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Faith*" (October 2012). It is clear that the Pope's intentions, though spurred by the recommendations of the Synod Fathers, go beyond. It is not presented as a post-synodal document but expresses his concerns for the Church and the world today. "I wish to encourage the Christian faithful", Pope Francis writes "to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come". There is a sense of newness in ***The Joy of the Gospel*** that radiates from the document's originality, style and character than from other Church documents.

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### **Survey of Catholic Doctrine – Cycle 4, Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours apply toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Catholic Belief and Practices, 5 hours in the content area of Scripture, 5 hours in the content area of Christology, and 5 hours in the content area of Church

This course will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church. Participants will come to a better understanding of the Trinity, original sin, Church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. Participants will be asked to identify the meaning of magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.

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### **Survey of Catholic Social Teaching – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching, and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, and 5 hours in the content area of Scripture)

United States Catholic Conference Introduction to: *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching*

The goal of this course is to provide the kind of background on Catholic Social Teaching suggested by the bishops as fundamental for living the Christian life. The course relies heavily on documents prepared by the bishops and on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Survey of Catholic Social Teaching will cover the seven key themes of Catholic Social Teaching outlined by the bishops: the life and dignity of the human person; the call to family, community, and participation; rights and responsibilities; option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God's creation. Also included is a process for defining and effecting change related to significant social justice issues at the diocesan and parish level. Sometimes people question whether it is the business of the Church to be involved in these issues. They wish to separate Church and state and relegate to government the solutions to problems that injure others, deny a basic quality of life, or damage God's creation. The course will reiterate the centrality of social justice teachings for all Christians, and its consistent independence from any political ideology of the left or the right. It relies heavily on mainstream teachings of the Church, the Scriptures, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Father Kevin E. McKenna's *A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching* which summarizes papal encyclicals and statements of the U.S. bishops.

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### **The Mass – Cycle 5 & Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

The prerequisite for this course is Foundations of Liturgy.

This class provides a basic understanding of the history, structure and central pastoral focus of the Mass of the Roman Rite. The curriculum is based on the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and other primary liturgical norms and directives.

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### **Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life (Seminar) - Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Prayer and 10 hours apply toward Catechetics

Too often faith is attended to only on Sundays. During the rest of the week, Sunday's wisdom and challenges, plus its understandings and right judgements, are often left untouched. This course introduces a way to go beneath day-to-day events to find meaning within them, to make decisions about them, and to invite an awareness of the abiding presence of God, any day of the week!

One of the powerful witnesses of Jesus the Son is that His life was completely intertwined with God the Father. Nothing separated Him from His relationship with the Father, and His relationship with the Father influenced all that He did. This course seeks to assist its participants in taking on the ways of Gospel through theological reflection. What does it take to keep faith and life integrated? How can we do that specifically? What is gained when we do? This is a course that answers those questions and at the same time provides ecclesial leaders some skills to facilitate theological reflection in groups. Finally, for those responding to a call from God to be leaders within the Christian community, this course will offer a method by which to lead that sets ecclesial leadership apart from leadership in other organizations.

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### **Understanding Culture in Ministry: Building Bridges – Cycle 6**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Culture/Diversity

Ministry in the United States and in several countries around the world is often to and with persons of different cultural backgrounds. What may work for one group in a particular cultural setting, may not work for another cultural setting. Thus, there is the need to understand the skills needed to reach across cultures and build bridges even as ministry takes place. Although the materials used are peculiar to the United States, the suggested steps can be applied to any multicultural settings. There are no prerequisites for this course.

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### **Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 20 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation and 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality

Catechists are called to bring the Word of God to the Christian community as they animate and give witness to Jesus, educate to faith and teach the truths of faith. The course on Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of the Catechists guides the participants to look into the beginning, trace the unfolding of their vocation to the ministry of catechesis and reflect its implications in actual catechetical praxis. Mary is presented as the exemplar catechist who shows the way to respond to their call "to be and to live" as divine images, children of God, and followers of Jesus, members of God's Family the Church. The course will also bring the thoughts of Catholic writers on spirituality as guide for their personal reflection on Christian spirituality and the spirituality of catechists and their discipleship.

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**Vocation to Ministry – Cycle 4**

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Church and 5 hours in the content area of Sacraments)

The Vocation to Ministry course provides participants an opportunity to develop a deeper comprehension of ministry and to reflect on their own ministry. In the Catholic Church the role of the minister is central to the Church's mission to evangelize and make disciples. Once almost exclusively the province of the clergy and the vowed members of religious communities, a sense or vocation has been experienced by many lay people in the last half century and great numbers are engaged in ecclesial ministry. This course provides participants an opportunity to review the impact of the Second Vatican Council on the Church's appreciation of the ministry done by lay people vis-i-vid the ministry of those who are ordained. The course also reviews the Church's theology of the Holy Trinity, and the Liturgy as a source for understanding the ministerial relationships that are being lived out in the Church today.

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