

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Faith Formation Catalogue

Summer 2026



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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

THIS CATALOGUE CONTAINS:

- Requirements of Concentration in Catechetical Ministry
- Chronological Class Listing
- Alphabetical Listing of Classes and Descriptions
- Catechist Classes
- Media Options
- VLCFF, online classes from Dayton University
- Program Approval for Catechist Credit Request Form

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

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

Additional copies of the catalogue:

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

Cancellations:

In the case of inclement weather during non-office hours, please view our blog (www.archlouff.org) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/FaithFormationinArchdioLouisville/) for information concerning delays or cancellations.

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 OCIA, 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>, or use the QR code.



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 after Associate Level:
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 after Advanced Level: 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

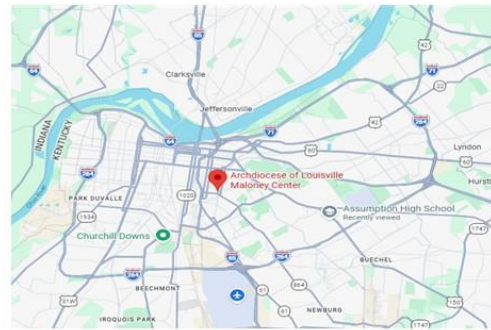
Ongoing Formation after Master Level: 15 hours every two years

ATTENTION!!

There are construction projects planned for, or already in progress, that may affect your route to the Maloney Center for classes.

→ I-65 Corridor Closure

→ Two-Way Street Conversions: Logan St. and Shelby St.



Closer to the June and July class dates we will post updated alternative routes at this link, <https://archlouff.org/road-construction-information-for-summer-2026/>.

Please be sure to give yourself extra time for travel and watch your morning traffic reports when you come to the Maloney Center for summer classes.

Kentucky Holy Land Highlights

June 16, 2026

Travel with us to the heart of the famed Kentucky Holy Land, as we highlight and learn about four historic destinations. We will travel by coach tour bus with our tour guides Tim Tomes, Archdiocesan Archivist, and Fr. Dale Cieslik, Archdiocesan Historian. Our bus will leave promptly from St. Athanasius, 5915 Outer Loop., Lou. KY 40219, at 9am (boarding time is 8:45am) and will return to St. Athanasius by 4pm. We will stop for a picnic lunch at St. Thomas (bring your own lunch).

Catechist Credit: 5 hours toward Theology in the content area of Church

1. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Heritage Center
2. Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral
3. St. Thomas Parish and Bishop Flaget Log House
4. Holy Cross Parish

Advanced registration and payment are required by June 1. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received. Payment is non-refundable after June 1. Space is limited.

Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 for registration.

Cost is \$40 per person. Make checks payable to ALMI.

Bring your own lunch, drink, and a refillable water bottle. Dress for the weather with comfortable shoes for walking.



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Catholic Services Appeal
Bringing Christ to Others



Intersections of Faith and Science in the Classroom

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

(for kindergarten—5th grade teachers and catechists)

or

Thursday, June 11, 2026

(for 6th grade—12th grade teachers and catechists)

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bellarmino University, CNMH 176 Centro Hall

Presented by Dr. Kate Bulinski, Professor of Geosciences, Bellarmine University and Dcn. Ned Berghausen, Theology Teacher, St. Xavier High School and Deacon at St. Agnes, Archdiocese of Louisville.

The topics of faith and science are often painted as in conflict in the secular media, however, within Catholic teaching, they are seen as compatible and complimentary ways of understanding the world. In this one-day professional development workshop, we will be exploring the nature of the relationship between faith and science as it applies to the classroom. We will be discussing models of compatibility, the history of church teaching in this area, and exploring liturgical connections and contemporary issues. Throughout the workshop, we will build in time for small group and large group discussion and provide resources for integrating faith and science in the classroom. **Note: This workshop will involve walking to several locations on campus, walking shoes are recommended.**

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

Preregistration is required. Space is limited to 48 registrations.

Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Cost is \$30.00 (includes lunch).

Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.

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of the Catholic Services Appeal.



Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: Scripture Study of the Gospel of Mark

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Louisville, Office of Multicultural Ministry

Date: Tuesdays July 21 – November 17, 2026 (16 weeks)

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Catholic Enrichment Center, 3146 West Broadway,
Louisville KY 40211

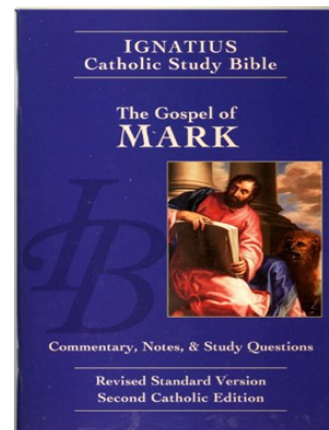
Presenter: Janice Mulligan

Cost: Free (There may be a fee for the booklet,
if desired.)

Registration: Preregistration is required.

Contact: Janice Mulligan,
jmulligan@archlou.org or (502) 776-0262,
ext.1505.

Catechist Credit: 15 credits toward Theology in
the content area of Scripture



Because the Gospel of Mark is featured in the current lectionary cycle, each session will provide a facilitated reflection and discussion on a specific chapter using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible resource, with the hope of deepening faith and appreciation of this text. These sessions are intended for individuals who want to engage with other believers to form a new understanding of Mark's Good News of Jesus Christ through trusted background information, prayerful reflection, suggestions for practical applications, and faith-sharing.

FAMILY RENEWAL PROJECT

New Class from Family Renewal Project!!

This class and the classes listed below are pre-approved for Catechist Credit from the Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute, Office of Faith Formation. Registration and payments are made directly to Family Renewal Project at www.familyrenewalproject.com.

Remember Who You Are: Theology of the Body 1 CRASH COURSE

Date: June 5-6, 2026, Friday from 6:30 - 9:30 pm & Saturday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Location: FRP Headquarters | 4545 Bishop Lane, Suite 201, Louisville, KY 40218

Presenter: John Sohl

Cost: \$20 individual, \$30 couple/household, FREE for clergy, missionary, & college students

Catechist Credit: 10 hours

The concept of Theology of the Body is not something that begins from when we come into contact with it, but rather, from the moment we were created. Our "Remember" course is a 3 part course that dives deeply into what it means to be human, how God created us with purpose, and how we can connect the innermost being to this lens of the Gospel by simply remembering who we truly are.

Other classes preapproved for credit are:

[Pioneer Level 1: The Wonders of Genesis](#) June 2, 2026

[Pioneer Level 2: Understanding Exodus](#) June 4, 2026

[Pioneer 3.1: The Purpose of Christmas](#) June 9, 2026

[Pioneer 3.2: The Meaning of Childhood](#) June 11, 2026

[Pioneer 4.1: Finding Strength in Jesus](#) June 23, 2026

[Pioneer 4.2: The Courage of Christ](#) June 25, 2026

[TOB 1: Intro to Theology of the Body Crash Course](#) July 17 - 18, 2026

[TOB 1: Intro to Theology of the Body Crash Course - Family Renewal Project](#) August 21 - 22, 2026



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**
Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute (ALMI),
Office of Faith Formation, & VLCFF

June - August 2026

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PAGE
June			
1	A Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
1	An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
1	Basics of Catechist Formation 1.3: The Human Development and Spirituality of the Catechist and Learner	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
1	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
1	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
1	Church History 1	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
1	Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Prish Life- Pastoral Implications	VLCFF, online	VLCCF-5
1	Ecclesiology: Reframing Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
1	Faith and Human Development	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
1	Guidelines and Norms for Evangelizing Catechesis	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
1	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
1	Introduction to Christian Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
1	Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
1	Introduction to Prayer	Maloney	FF-4
1	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
1	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
1	Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
1	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
1	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
1	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
1	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
1	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
1	Survey of Catholic Social Teaching	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
1	The Role of Missionary Discipleship in Evangelizing Catechesis	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
1	Vocation, Spirituality, and Discipleship of Catechists	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
1	Vocation to Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
2	Genesis: The Birth of the Cosmos and a Nation	Maloney Center	FF-2
2	Introduction to Christology	Maloney Center	FF-4
2	Introduction to Scripture	Maloney Center	FF-5
2	The Apocalypse: Decoding Early Christian Views of the End Times	Maloney Center	FF-12
3	Faith Development	Maloney Center	FF-2
3	Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II	Maloney Center	FF-7
4	Images of God	Maloney Center	FF-2
4	Introduction to Sacraments	Maloney Center	FF-5
8	Parables of Jesus	Maloney Center	FF-8
9	The Young and the Restless: Learning from the Example of Young Saints and their Witnesses	Maloney Center	FF-13
9	Thomas Merton and Christian Humanism: Responding to the Technological Age	Maloney Center	FF-13
10	Intersections of Faith and Science in the Classroom (K-5 th grade)	Bellarmino University	FF-3

11	Intersections of Faith and Science in the Classroom (6 th -12 th grade)	Bellarmino University	FF-3
11	Steadfast Discipleship: The Model of New Testament Women in Scripture	Maloney Center	FF-10
11	Steadfast Discipleship: The Model of Old Testament Women in Scripture	Maloney Center	FF-11
16	Kentucky Holy Land Highlights Tour	Various Locations (Bus pickup at St. Athanasius)	FF-6
18	Sacrament Workshop: Confirmation	Maloney Center	FF-9

July

20	Autism in Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
20	Basics of Catechist Formation 1.1: Catechesis is...	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
20	Bereavement Ministry: Christian Perspective	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
20	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
20	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
20	Christology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
20	Church History 2	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
20	Discernment in Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
20	Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
20	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
20	Images of Mary	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
20	Introduction to Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
20	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
20	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
20	Mary in the Liturgical Life of the Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
20	Ministry Leadership in the Church Today	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
20	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
20	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
20	On Bended Knee	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
20	Pastoral Approach to Culture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
20	Praying with Children	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
20	Relational Ministry with Youth	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
20	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
20	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
20	Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
20	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
20	The Mass	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
20	Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
20	This Land is Home to Me: The Cry of Appalachia	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
22	Catechist Retreat: Faithful- The Way of the Gospel in Challenging Times	St. Bernard, Checkerboard Rm	FF-1
23	Steadfast Discipleship: The Model of New Testament Women in Scripture	St. Dominic, Springfield	FF-10
23	Steadfast Discipleship: The Model of Old Testament Women in Scripture	St. Dominic, Springfield	FF-11
27	Introduction to Prayer	Maloney Center	FF-4
27	Introduction to Spirituality	Maloney Center	FF-5
27	Sacrament Workshop: First Reconciliation and First Communion	Maloney Center	FF-10
28	Introduction to Christology	Maloney Center	FF-4
28	Introduction to Scripture	Maloney Center	FF-5
28	Papal Leadership: An Exploration of the Encyclicals from Rerun Novarum (LeoXIII) to Dilexit Nos (Francis)	Maloney Center	FF-8
29	Faith Development	Maloney Center	FF-2
29	Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II	Maloney Center	FF-7
29	Queue Source	Maloney Center	FF-9
29	Survive and Advance: The Intersection of Sprots Language and Scriptural Exegesis	Maloney Center	FF-11

30	Images of God	Maloney Center	FF-2
30	Introduction to Sacraments	Maloney Center	FF-5
30	Teaching is the Shtick!	Maloney Center	FF-12
30	Jesus Christ as Definitive Priest, Prophet, and King	Maloney Center	FF-6

ONGOING

	Catechist Mentoring Experience	Variable	FF-1
	Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives	Media Option	MO-1
	Foundation of Liturgy	Media Option	MO-1
	Images of God	Media Option	MO-2
	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-3
	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-4
	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-7 & MO-5
	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-6
	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-7
	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-8
	Spiritual Growth in Tough Times	Media Option	MO-8
	Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life	Media Option	MO-9
	Theology of Church	Media Option	MO-9
	Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness	Media Option	MO-9

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 or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: At completion, 15 hours apply toward Catechetics in the Mentoring Experience
Religious Education
Standards: Domain area is dependent on learning goals set by participant

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. Catechists work with a mentor to set new learning goals and then work toward implementing the new goals in their ministry. Contact Lynn McDaniel, lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to begin the Mentoring Experience.

Catechist Retreat: Faithful - The Way of the Gospel in Challenging Times

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Location: St. Bernard, Checkerboard Room, 7500 Tangelo Dr., 40228
Presenter: Anna Hudson, Catholic Speaker and Spiritual Director
Cost: \$30.00 (**check payable to ALMI**). **Lunch is included.**
Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.
Registration Deadline is July 15th.
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6**

In this retreat, we will pause and reflect on what it is like to live in the midst of a world that is in deep pain, conflict, and complexity. Through reflections, small group discussions, and personal prayer, we will explore how the situation of our world affects us - and how we feel called to respond. We will look at Christ's response to the pain of the world as described in the Gospel, draw from the wisdom of the saints, and reflect on our own stories to see how the Holy Spirit has continued to be present and active in the world throughout the ages - and how this same spirit empowers us to be at peace in the midst of chaos, and to offer a witness of faith to a world in need of healing.

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Faith Development

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, or Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Mary Hynes, Pastoral Associate, St. Aloysius, Pewee Valley
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at 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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 4**

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

Genesis: The Birth of the Cosmos and a Nation

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1**

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, offers an insight into the meaning of humanity. What is it all about? How are we supposed to interpret the stories within the book? This session will explore the meaning behind the book of Genesis. This session will also offer concrete ways for educators to respond to the tough questions about Genesis, as well as assignments that can help students understand the true meaning of the text.

Images of God

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026, or Thursday, July 30, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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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Intersections of Faith and Science in the Classroom: (For kindergarten- 5th grade teachers and catechists)

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Location: Bellarmine University, CNMH 176 Centro Hall
Presenter: Dr. Kate Bulinski, Professor of Geosciences, Bellarmine University and
Dcn. Ned Berghausen, Theology Teacher, St. Xavier High School and Deacon at
St. Agnes, Archdiocese of Louisville
Cost: \$30.00 (**check payable to ALMI**) lunch is included.
Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.
Registration: Preregistration is required. (Limited to 48 participants.) Contact Lynn McDaniel at
lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

The topics of faith and science are often painted as in conflict in the secular media; however, within Catholic teaching, they are seen as compatible and complementary ways of understanding the world. In this one-day professional development workshop, we will be exploring the nature of the relationship between faith and science as it applies to the classroom. We will be discussing models of compatibility, the history of Church teaching in this area, and exploring liturgical connections and contemporary issues. Throughout the workshop, we will build in time for small group and large group discussion and provide resources for integrating faith and science in the classroom. **Note: This workshop will involve walking to several locations on campus; walking shoes are recommended.**

Intersections of Faith and Science in the Classroom: (for 6th grade- 12th grade teachers and catechists)

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Location: Bellarmine University, CNMH 176 Centro Hall
Presenter: Dr. Kate Bulinski, Professor of Geosciences, Bellarmine University and
Dcn. Ned Berghausen, Theology Teacher, St. Xavier High School and Deacon at
St. Agnes, Archdiocese of Louisville
Cost: \$30.00 (**check payable to ALMI**) lunch is included.
Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.
Registration: Preregistration is required. (Limited to 24 participants.) Contact Lynn McDaniel at
lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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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. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org if you have any questions about this class.
Catechist Credit: 7 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 4, Domain 5**

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

Introduction to Christology

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026, or Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 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
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 4**

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

Introduction to Prayer

Date: Monday, June 1, 2026, or Monday, July 27, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Anna Hudson, Catholic Speaker and Spiritual Director (June) or Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission and Formation, Sacred Heart Schools (July)
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at 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
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 3**

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: Thursday, June 4, 2026, or Thursday, July 30, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou.,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 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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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

Introduction to Scripture

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026, or Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Dr. Rob Mullen, Vice President for Mission, Trinity HS
Cost: \$10 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at 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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1**

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

Introduction to Spirituality

Date: Monday, July 27, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission and Formation, Sacred Heart Schools
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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

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Jesus Christ as Definitive Priest, Prophet, and King

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Department Chair, Sacred Heart Academy
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Christology
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2, Domain 6**

Old Testament archetypes of priest, prophet, and king will be explored in order to understand Jesus as the Christ. In addition, participants will be able to describe our collective call to live as priests, prophets, and kings through our baptism.

Kentucky Holy Land Highlights

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Time: 8:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Bus will depart and return at St. Athanasius, 5915 Outer Loop, Lou., 40219
Presenter: Tim Tomes, Archdiocesan Archivist, Fr. Dale Cieslik, Archdiocesan Historian, and destination docents.
Cost: \$40.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: **Advanced Registration and Payment are required by June 1. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received. Payment is non-refundable after June 1.** Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 5**

Travel with us to the heart of the famed Kentucky Holy Land, as we highlight and learn about four historic destinations. We will travel by coach tour bus with our tour guides Tim Tomes, Archdiocesan Archivist, and Fr. Dale Cieslik, Archdiocesan Historian. Our bus will leave promptly from St. Athanasius, 5915 Outer Loop., Lou. KY 40219, at 9am (boarding time is 8:45am) and will return to St. Athanasius by 4pm. We will stop for a picnic lunch at St. Thomas (bring your own lunch). We will visit: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Heritage Center, Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, St. Thomas Parish, the Bishop Flaget Log House, and Holy Cross Parish.

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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. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org if you have any questions about this class.
Catechist Credit: 2 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 6**

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.

Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, or Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 6**

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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Papal Leadership: An Exploration of the Encyclicals from Rerum Novarum (Leo XIII) to Dilexit Nos (Frances)

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Asst. Professor/Dir. Ed.D: Leadership Program, Spalding University
Cost: \$30.00 (**check payable to ALMI**) **Lunch is included.**
Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.
Registration Deadline is July 15th.

Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 6 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 5, Domain 6**

From the Industrial Revolution to the Technological Revolution the Chair of Peter has continued to offer guidance and wisdom for each generation through their encyclicals. To understand the role of Pope Leo XIV and his response to the challenges of the 21st century, this session will offer an overview of themes from the letters written by Pope Leo XIII (1878) through Pope Francis (2025) which prepared and set the stage for the role of the papacy in the world today. This vast knowledge and understanding of the Popes continues to influence today, but it is essential to review them in light of their culture and context, and then apply their wisdom today. A brief biography of each pope will also be included in the session. Activity ideas for the classroom will also be offered.

Parables of Jesus

Date: Monday, June 8, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Dr. Rob Mullen, Vice President for Mission, Trinity HS
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1**

In this session we will explore the primary teaching tool Jesus used to explain the Kingdom of God. Participants will step back in time to understand the impact of his stories and how they still hold meaning for Christians today.

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Queue Source

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Department Chair, Sacred Heart Academy
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 6**

In light of Pope Leo's recent comments supporting the use of media literacy in formation, this session will explore the opportunities associated with film to supplement middle and secondary school theology courses. The use of break-out rooms and faith sharing will be used to analyze media that engages today's youth. This course is intended for youth ministers as well as middle school and secondary school educators looking for ways to use media in their ministry.

Sacrament Workshop: Confirmation

Dates: Thursday, June 18, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Locations: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. Lou., 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: \$30.00 (**check payable to ALMI**). **Lunch is included. Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register. Registration deadline is June 10.**
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.
Catechist Credit: 5.5 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 2.5 hours apply toward Catechetics
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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 Reconciliation and First Communion

Dates: Monday, July 27, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Locations: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. Lou., 40203
Presenter: Rebecca Culver, Director of Religious Education, All Saints
Cost: \$30.00 (**check payable to ALMI**). **Lunch is included.**
Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register.
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.
Catechist Credit: 5 hours apply toward Catechetics
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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

Steadfast Discipleship: The Model of New Testament Women in Scripture

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026, or Thursday, July 23, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203 (June 11)
St. Dominic, 312 W. High St., Springfield, 40069 (July 23)
Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission and Formation, Sacred Heart Schools
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1**

Who walked exactly with Jesus through his Passion and then encountered the first signs of the Resurrection? This class will look into the stories of Jesus' passion and resurrection as told in all four Gospels. We will look for the women as they appear (or do not appear) and are named (or not named) in the four Gospels to learn more about how they played an important accompaniment role as well as a new evangelization. We will consider scripture scholarship on these passages to understand how women played and continue to play a key role in witnessing to the importance of a steadfast faith.

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Steadfast Discipleship: The Model of Old Testament Women in Scripture

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 or Thursday, July 23, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203 (June 11)
St. Dominic, 312 W. High St., Springfield, 40069 (July 23)
Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission and Formation, Sacred Heart Schools
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1**

Have you ever wondered about the women who are included in Jesus' genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17)? This class will look into the stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and "the wife of Uriah" aka Bathsheba to determine how their lives and witness to God's love was important to the story of Jesus, the Messiah. We will consider the historical and social aspects of their stories to understand how women played and continue to play a key role in witnessing to the importance of a steadfast faith.

Survive and Advance: The Intersection of Sports Language and Scriptural Exegesis

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Department Chair, Sacred Heart Academy
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1**

This class is designed for participants interested in exploring the language of the Letters of St. Paul as they relate to contemporary sports and faith development. The class is intended for catechists and religion/theology teachers as well as coaches, assistant coaches, and athletic directors.

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Teaching is the Shtick!

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 40203
Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Department Chair, Sacred Heart Academy
Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Registration: Preregistration is required. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Catechetics
Religious Education Standards: Potentially All Domains

Storytelling, dialogue, humor, collaboration, media, experiments, etc. Participants will explore pedagogical styles in light of their own uniqueness and spiritual gifts. Participants will be asked to share lesson, anecdotes, successes, and failures.

The Apocalypse: Decoding Early Christian Views of the End Times

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1**

Our culture is full of references from Revelation, but what do those references really refer to? This session is designed for high school religious educators, as a resource for the Bishops' curriculum. This session will specifically investigate Apocalyptic Literature to come to a clearer understanding of these powerful texts, especially how the culture of these texts framed the Early Christians' view of Christ and the End Times.

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The Young and the Restless: Learning from the Example of Young Saints and Their Witnesses

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours total: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Church, 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality, and 1 hour applies toward Catechetics
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 5, Domain 6**

Scripture encourages us to constantly learn and grow from the wisdom of the 'cloud of witnesses' of our faith. Saints offer us an opportunity to learn from their previous witness how to come to know our true self through the challenges of the world. This session will specifically examine the lives of young saints who modeled Christian sacredness through their life such as: Agatha, Carlos Acutis, Chiara Badano, Dominic Savio, José Sánchez del Río, and Maria Goretti. Activity ideas for the classroom will also be offered.

Thomas Merton and Christian Humanism: Responding to the Technological Age

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Lou., 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 or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6**

Thomas Merton, author, poet, and commentator, was a voice of introspection and reflection during the crisis of the post-World War II and Vietnam, throughout the struggle of civil rights and into the social revolution of the American 1960s. His advice was elicited from global spiritual leaders, civil rights, and peace advocates, poets, and authors. This session would specifically explore Merton's response of preserving humanity in an era defined and transformed through algorithms of violence and technology. This session will also explore parallels from Merton to find hope in examining and advocating self-reflection in society as a lens of hope in our times of anxiety, violence, and transformation.

Media Options

Media Options:

- **DVD:** Required viewing is only available via DVD that is borrowed from the Office of Faith Formation. Additional assignments are required to receive credit (writing assignment and/or reading assignment).
- **Online Video:** (*) Required viewing for this course is available via **DVD or online**. For online access go to either <https://www.youtube.com/@FranciscanMedia/videos> or www.archlouff.org under the *Online Learning* tab, depending on the class. Additional assignments are required to receive credit (writing assignment and/or reading assignment).
- **Google Classroom:** (**) All assignments and classwork are only online via Google Classroom.

Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@FranciscanMedia/videos> to view the videos (you must watch all 5 parts) or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 7 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation
There is a total of 5 sessions.
Religious Education Standards: [Domain 3](#), [Domain 4](#)

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.

Foundation of Liturgy *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy
Religious Education Standards: [Domain 2](#)

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 *

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Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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.

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. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org if you have any questions about this class.
Catechist Credit: 7 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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

Introduction to Prayer *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 3**

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: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

Introduction to Scripture

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 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
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

Introduction to Spirituality *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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)
Contact: Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@FranciscanMedia/videos> to view the videos (you must watch Part 1, 2, & 3) or Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation.
There is a total of 3 sessions.
Religious Education Standards: [Domain 3](#), [Domain 4](#)

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.

Major Themes of Scripture *

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)
Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Scripture
Religious Education Standards: [Domain 1](#)

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.

Morality, Ethics, and Social Justice

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Morality
Religious Education Standards: [Domain 4](#)

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. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org if you have any questions about this class.
Catechist Credit: 2 hours apply toward the Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 6**

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.

Overview of the Mass *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (**checks payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 2**

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

Cost: \$10.00 (**checks payable to ALMI**)
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Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (**checks payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

Sacrament of Eucharist, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (**checks payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 2**

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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Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

Sacrament of Matrimony, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 1 hour applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 2**

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

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 4**

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.

Spiritual Growth in Tough Times

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267 for class materials (DVD) and additional assignments.
Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation.
There is a total of 3 sessions.
Religious Education Standards: **Domain 3, Domain 4**

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 *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@FranciscanMedia/videos> to view the videos (you must watch Part 1, 2, & 3) or Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 3, Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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.

Theology of Church *

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
Contact: Go to <https://archlouff.org/catechist-certification/online-learning/> to view the video or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267 to borrow the DVD.
Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours apply toward Theology in the content area of Church
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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.

Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness

Cost: \$10.00 (**check payable to ALMI**)
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Catechist Credit: 3 hours apply toward Spiritual Formation.
There is a total of 3 sessions.
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 4**

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.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)

Online Courses 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.

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.

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 Ministry Institute (ALMI).

All VLCFF courses have set start, end, and registration dates. Courses 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 course, go to the course description at vlcff.udayton.edu. The Office of Faith Formation may have these resources available to loan. Contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or 502-636-0296, ext. 1267, to inquire about borrowing the resources.

For more information about VLCFF courses, go to vlcff.udayton.edu or contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcdaniel@archlou.org or 502-636-0296 ext. 1267.

Cycle 4

Dates: June 1 – July 5, 2026
Registration: Opens April 15, 2026 & Closes May 28, 2026

Cycle 5

Dates: July 20 – August 23, 2026
Registration: Opens June 3, 2026 & Closes July 16, 2026

Courses:

A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education
Standards: Domain 5, Domain 6

The Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry is a five-week course introducing students to the vision and principles for developing an integral approach for pastoral ministry with young people and their families. Students will explore the themes of encounter, accompaniment, and mission in the Catholic Church's ministry with 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.

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

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

Religious Education
Standards: Domain 1

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.

Autism in Faith Formation – Cycle 5

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

Religious Education
Standards: Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6

“Any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticize governments. It will easily drift into a spiritual worldliness camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk.” (His Holiness, Pope Francis, 11/24/13, no. 207)

The above quotation from Pope Francis echoes in the halls of our faith formation settings, in our hearts, our homes and gathering places. It is important that all persons involved in faith formation understand what it takes to minister to persons with special needs.

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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Basics of Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is...) – Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 6**

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.

Basics of Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.3 The Human Development and Spirituality of the Catechist and Learner – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 4**

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).

Bereavement Ministry: Christian Perspective – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Methods

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 5**

Course Objectives:

- 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

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

This course is intended for those seeking an overview of and background to the Bible so that they can more fully understand Sacred Scripture from a Catholic perspective. It includes themes such as Biblical Composition, Inspiration, the Canon of the Sacred Scripture, and How to Choose a Bible.

Catholic Beliefs – Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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.

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

Church History 1 – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

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

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Catechetics
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 5, Domain 6**

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..

Discernment in Practical Morality – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Morality
Religious Education
Standards: **Domain 4**

- Gain an understanding of just what is “Christian morality”
 - Gain an appreciation for our response to the love of God in the moral life
 - Grow in understanding our role in the work of the reign of God
 - Learn what the reality of conscience is and the role it plays in that work
 - Grow in appreciation for living with resurrection faith and Christian hope in the process of conversion
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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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

Ecclesiology: Reframing Church – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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 no "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.

Faith and Human Development – Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply toward Catechetics or 2.5 hours apply toward Associate Level in the area of Faith Development and 22.5 hours apply toward Catechetics

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 4**

General Course Objectives

- Understand basic tenets of Christian spirituality
 - Understand theories of human development in morality and self-awareness in the developing life cycle with accompanying spiritual development
 - Become familiar with the spiritual and psychological stages of life from childhood to older adulthood.
 - Gain appreciation for and understanding of the connections between psychological and spiritual growth through the life cycle
 - Become familiar with theorists' models of human development and spiritual growth for self-understanding and relational understanding of others.
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Guidelines and Norms for Evangelizing Catechesis – Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Catechetics/Methods

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 6**

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.

Images of Jesus –Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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?"

Images of Mary – Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 4**

This course is designed to explore how we can live virtuous, meaningful, faith-filled lives guided by moral principles rooted in the teaching of the Church. Morality isn't just about distinguishing right from wrong, Morality is not just a theory—it's about applying these values to everyday choices, relationships, and challenges that we experience. In this course, we will delve into how the rich tradition of Catholic moral theology, as found in Scripture and Sacred Tradition. We will explore how Catholic moral theology can shape our decisions in practical ways.

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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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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.

Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

Introduction to Prayer – Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 3**

"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

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

This course presupposes that an individual has not had a general overview of the bible and is interested in a more academic approach. If you are brand new to studying the bible you may be better to start with the 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.

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

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Methods

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 5, Domain 6**

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.

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2**

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.

Ministry Leadership in the Church Today – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 15 hours apply toward Methods

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 5**

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.

New Testament –Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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.

Old Testament –Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1**

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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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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 2, Domain 3, Domain 6**

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!

Pastoral Approach to Culture – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours apply toward Culture/Diversity

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 5**

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.

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 3**

Praying with Children includes an overview of Catholic prayer traditions allowing students to assess their own spiritual practice and introducing them to the variety of prayer forms and expressions in the Church. The importance of partnership with parents for prayer in the home is emphasized. An overview of the spiritual development of children is examined in the context of developmentally appropriate prayer. Participants will learn skills for leading prayer and be introduced to practical and creative strategies for prayer with children.

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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.

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 5, Domain 6**

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.

Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation – Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Catechetics

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2, Domain 3, Domain 4, Domain 5, Domain 6**

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).

Sacraments – Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 2**

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.

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 3, Domain 5**

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.

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Survey of Catholic Doctrine –Cycle 4 & Cycle 5

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)

Religious Education

Standards: Domain 1, Domain 2

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.

Survey of Catholic Social Teaching – Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours apply 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)

Religious Education

Standards: Domain 1, Domain 2

"Far too many Catholics are not familiar with the basic content of Catholic Social Teaching. More fundamentally, many Catholics do not adequately understand that the social teaching of the Church is an essential part of Catholic faith. This poses a serious challenge for all Catholics, since it weakens our capacity to be a Church that is true to the demands of the Gospel."

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.

The Mass – Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: Domain 2

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.

The Role of Missionary Discipleship in Evangelizing Catechesis – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 6**

This course aims to equip participants with a deep understanding of how missionary discipleship is a foundational element in the evangelizing process of catechesis. Through reflection on Scripture, Church teachings, and practical application, participants will explore how the call to discipleship shapes the proclamation of the Gospel and the formation of faith within the Church. By the end of the course, participants will be prepared to actively engage in catechetical ministry, embracing the missionary aspect of their vocation to make disciples and evangelize others, fostering a transformative experience of faith and learning in their communities.

Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life – Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 3**

St. Paul explained to the Corinthians community that "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone" (1 Cor. 12:4-6). This message is timeless. All generations must understand the "uniformity" of the Spirit, the Lord and God. All creation received gifts from God for the building of the Kingdom of God. Regardless of the multiple faith traditions, various cultures, and experiences, we all serve each other. This uniformity in the Body of Christ is a universal reality that we have when we accept that we are all created in God's image.

For this reason, the practice of "Theological Reflections" is foundational; it is a spiritual movement for an individual or group to recognize God's omnipresence in all occurrences with humanity. Through this lens, theological reflection propels ministers, church leaders and small group leaders too notice God's daily presence. The Psalmist said, "Seven times a day I praise you because your judgments are righteous" (Ps. 119:168). The Psalmist observed God throughout the day by practicing "Theological Reflection." During the day, the Psalmist is meditating, seeking God while he is near, praying, giving witness, singing melodic hymns, calling on him for God's judgments are righteous.

This Land is Home to Me: The Cry of Appalachia – Cycle 5

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 5**

This course will introduce participants to the complex realities of poverty, powerlessness and suffering experienced by the people of Appalachia as seen through the lens of Catholic social teaching and witnessed in the pages of the Pastoral Letter This Land is Home to Me. Participants will reflect on the responsibilities that all baptized members of the Church have to respond and act justly everywhere and always, in the face of such marginalization.

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Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists – Cycle 4

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

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 6**

The content of this course is intended to assist participants in understanding their role as formal lay ministers in the Church. It considers the vocation of Catechist as both teachers of the content of faith as well as guides leading others into the mystery of the faith itself. Primary sources lead the participants to deepen their spirituality as Catechists and inspire them in their role as missionary disciples.

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)

Religious Education

Standards: **Domain 1, Domain 2, Domain 6**

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-vis 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.

Description of Program *(Attach a course outline, flyer, or other supporting information. Please be as detailed as possible.)*

Resources Used for Preparation

Expected Outcomes for Participants

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Date _____

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