# ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

# Faith Formation Catalogue

# **Summer 2021**



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

Homily of Holy Father Francis, Sept. 29, 2013

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

- \* Blog (www.archlouff.org)
- \* 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 Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267

#### **Cancellations:**

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



# **Summer Classes 2021**

Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

# **COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

The Office of Faith Formation will be following all CDC, local, and archdiocesan guidelines for COVID-19.

Below is the list of guidelines that must be followed to participate in our upcoming classes:

- All participants must be pre-registered (no walk-ins).
- Participants will be asked to monitor their temperatures before arriving and NOT come to class if they have a fever or are not feeling well.
- All participants will wear a mask at all times.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- The room will be set up with a seating arrangement that allows for the proper distance between participants and cannot be changed.
- We will not provide any refreshments (bring your own coffee, water and/or snacks).
- No participants will be allowed to stay in the building in between (during lunch) or after class times (rooms will be cleaned/sanitized during this time).
- Only two persons will be allowed in the restrooms at a time.
- Participants may not linger in the reception area or other areas of the building outside of the classroom.

If you have special needs or accommodations to be considered for seating arrangements (i.e., need to sit up front for hearing or vision), or the inability to wear a mask due to medical reasons per CDC guidelines description, please let us know at the time of registration.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact Lynn McDaniel, lmcdaniel@archlou.org or 502-636-0296, ext. 1267.



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# **Special Classes for Summer 2021**

Approaches to Teaching the History of Roman Catholicism in the United States Tuesday, August 3, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Dignity & Grace: Thomas Merton on Race** Thursday, August 5, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exploring Religions of our World: Part I Hinduism Monday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Exploring Religions of our World: Part 2 Buddhism Tuesday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Exodus: Becoming a Nation Wednesday, August 4, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

History in Light of the Incarnation Monday, August 2, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Justice in the Light of the Incarnation Tuesday, June 15, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Reflecting on Our Baptismal Call: Lay Ministry in Praxis** Wednesday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Sophia: The Feminine Wisdom and Voice of the Church** Thursday, June 17, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Theological Exegesis on Pandemics** Thursday, August 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

At the time of publication for this catalogue we did not have some of our classes' details finalized and they are not listed in the catalogue. Be sure you are following us on our blog, <a href="https://www.archlouff.org">www.archlouff.org</a>, where we will post information about the unpublished classes once they are made final.



# Associate Catechist Level Classes

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

# **Summer 2021**

#### TO REGISTER:

#### Contact:

Lynn McDaniel Imcdaniel@archlou.org or 502-636-0296 x 1267

#### Class Fee:

\$10 per person/per class

<u>No Walk-ins.</u>

Masks are required.

Upon completion of all these classes and one additional class (Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I\*), a catechist will achieve the Associate level from ALMI.

\*Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I is an online class. Contact Lynn McDaniel at Imcdaniel@archlou.org to enroll in this class.

### **Faith Development:**

Monday, June 7, 1:00 -3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 1:00 -3:30 p.m.

### Images of God:

Friday, June 11, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Monday, July 26, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

## Introduction to Christology:

Thursday, June 10, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

## Introduction to Prayer:

Tuesday, June 8, 1:00-3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

#### Introduction to Sacraments:

Tuesday, June 8, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

### Introduction to Scripture:

Thursday, June 10, 1:00-3:30 p.m. Monday, July 26, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

## Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II:

Monday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. −12:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, 9:00 a.m. −12:00 p.m.



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# **Ministry Institute**

# **Sacrament Workshops**

# Reconciliation Workshop

Date: Friday, August 6, 2021
Time: 8:30 a.m.– 11:30 p.m.
Location: Maloney Center

1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward

Catechetics

This class will review basic information about the theology of Reconciliation and look at the components of providing an effective sacramental Reconciliation celebration. It will provide helpful suggestions and practical resources.

# Eucharist Workshop

Date: Friday, August 6, 2021 Time: 12:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. Location: Maloney Center

1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward

Catechetics

This class will review basic information about the theology of Eucharist and introduce catechists to skills and techniques for preparing children for "First Communion." It will provide helpful suggestions and practical resources.

Presenters: Ann Pifer, Former Associate Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Annette Bergamini, Parish Catechetical Leader, St. Martha Parish

> Preregistration is required. No Walk-ins. Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Participants are required to wear a mask.

or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.
Course Fee: \$10 per person/ per workshop



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# Requirements for Catechetical Ministry Catechist Certificate

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

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

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

#### REQUIREMENTS

There are three levels within the concentration. Additional credits earned in each level will be applied to the next level. Coursework may be taken through the Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute (ALMI), media options, online courses, or other **pre-approved** offerings. No more than 40 credits in total for all three levels of the required coursework may be completed on an individual basis; the remaining requirements must be fulfilled through live, gathered offerings and interactive online options.

# ASSOCIATE CATECHIST (completion of 20 credits)

In addition to Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part 1, no more than 5 credits may be taken either online or as a media option for the completion of the Associate Level in addition to the online Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I.

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
Introduction to Christology – 2.5 credits
Introduction to Prayer - 2.5 credits
Introduction to Scripture – 2.5 credits

#### **Ongoing Formation**

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

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

<u>THEOLOGY/CONTENT</u> (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

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

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

Ongoing Formation (15 hours every two years)

### MASTER CATECHIST

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

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

Christology Spirituality Culture/Diversity

Sacraments Liturgy Catholic Social Teaching
Scripture Prayer Catholic Beliefs and Practices

Family Life Church General Theology

Theology of the Body Morality Electives

CATECHETICS/METHODS (20 hours)

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

Ongoing Formation (15 hours every two years)

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

## **Sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation**

## May - August 2021

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PAGE

### May

16	A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
16	Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
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16	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
16	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
16	Church History 1	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
16	Disability across the Life Span: Prenatal Diagnosis  – End of Life Care	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
16	Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-7
16	Faith and Human Development	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
16	Foundations and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
10	Formation		
16	Foundations for Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
16	Fundamental in Deaf Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
	Methodologies	_	
16	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
16	Introduction to Catechesis	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
16	Introduction to Christian Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
16	Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
16	Introduction to Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
16	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
16	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
16	The Mass	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
16	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
16	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
16	On the Call to Holiness (Gaudete Et Exsultate)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
16	Pastoral Approach to Culture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
16	Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
16	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
16	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-20
16	Survey of Catholic Social Teaching	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-20
16	Vocation to Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-22

### June

7	Faith Development Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II	Maloney Center Maloney Center	FF-3 FF-6
8	Introduction to Prayer	Maloney Center	FF-4
8	Introduction to Sacraments	Maloney Center	FF-4
10	Introduction to Christology	Maloney Center	FF-4
10	Introduction to Scripture	Maloney Center	FF-5
11	Images of God	Maloney Center	FF-3
15	Justice in the Light of Incarnation: The Promotion of Human Deification	Maloney Center	FF-5
16	Reflecting on Our Baptismal Call: Lay Ministry Praxis	Maloney Center	FF-7
17	Sophia: The Feminine Wisdom and Voice of the Church	Maloney Center	FF-7

## July

July			
5	Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
5	Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.2 (Vocation of the Catechist)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
5	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
5	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
5	Catholic Identity and Culture (Seminar)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
5	Christology	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
5	Church History 2	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
5	Communication and Community	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
5	Conscience	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
5	Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Parish Life – Pastoral Implications	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-6
5	Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview		VLCFF-7
5	Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
5	Emotional Intelligence and its impact on Faith Formation (Seminar)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
5	Faith and Human Development	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
5	Galatians	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
5	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
5	Introduction to Catechetics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
5	Introduction to Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
5	Introduction to Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
5	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
5	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
5	Leadership in Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
5	Ministering in Times of Scandals and Divisions (Seminar)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
5	Ministry Leadership in the Church Today	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
5	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
5	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
5	On Bended Knee (Seminar)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
5	Parish as a Learning Community	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
5	RCIA: A Process of Conversion, Catechesis and Community	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
5	Relational Ministry with Youth	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
5	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
5	Scripture and Justice	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-19
5	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLDFF-20
5	Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-21
5	Understanding Culture in Ministry: Building Bridges	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-21
5	Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechetics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-21
26	Images of God	Maloney Center	FF-3
26	Introduction to Scripture	Maloney Center	FF-5
27	Faith Development	Maloney Center	FF-3
27	Introduction to Sacraments		FF-4
29	Introduction to Christology	Maloney Center	FF-4
29	Introduction to Prayer	Maloney Center	FF-4

August

August			
2	Exploring Religions of our World: Part I Hinduism	Zoom, online	FF-2
2	History in Light of the Incarnation	Maloney Center	FF-3
3	Approaches to Teaching the History of Roman Catholicism in the United States	Maloney Center	FF-1
3	Exploring Religions of our World: Part 2 Buddhism	Zoom, online	FF-2
3	Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II	Maloney Center	FF-6
4	Exodus: Becoming a Nation	Maloney Center	FF-2
5	Dignity and Grace: Thomas Merton on Race	Maloney Center	FF-1
5	Theological Exegesis on Pandemics	Maloney Center	FF-7
6	Reconciliation Workshop	Maloney Center	FF-6
6	Eucharist Workshop	Maloney Center	FF-1
22	Administration in Ministry	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-1
22	Autism in Faith Formation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
22	Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-2
22	Bible Basics	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
22	Catholic Beliefs	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-3
22	Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, and Human Sexuality Education (Seminar)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
22	Church History 1	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-4
22	Collaboration and Community	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-5
22	Ecclesiology: Reframing Church	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
22	Echoes of Racism: Whispers of Healing	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-8
22	Faith and Human Development	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
22	Foundations for Liturgy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-9
22	Images of Jesus	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-10
22	Introduction to Catechesis	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
22	Introduction to Christian Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-11
22	Introduction to Practical Morality	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
22	Introduction to Prayer	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
22	Introduction to Scripture	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-12
22	Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
22	Many Faces of Adult Learners	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-13
22	Marianist Studies: Mary, Holy Possibility	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
22	The Mass	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-14
22	Moral Injury: When our Pain Blocks God's Joy	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
22	New Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
22	Old Testament	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-15
22	Parish and Social Action	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-16
22	Prayer and Worship with Adolescents	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-17
22	Prophets	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
22	Sacraments	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-18
22	Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-19
22	Study of the Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-19
22	Survey of Catholic Doctrine	VLCFF, online	VLCFF-20

#### **ONGOING**

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	Creating Sabbath with Our Lives	Media Option	MO-1
	Foundation of Liturgy	Media Option	MO-1
	Images of God	Media Option	MO-1
	Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching	Archdiocese of Louisville Internet	MO-2
	Introduction to Prayer	Media Option	MO-2
	Introduction to Sacraments	Media Option	MO-2
	Introduction to Scripture	Media Option	MO-3
	Introduction to Spirituality	Media Option	MO-3
	Living in the Image and Likeness of God	Media Option	MO-3
	Major Themes of Scripture	Media Option	MO-4
	Montaring Experience	Variable	FF-5 &
	Mentoring Experience	variable	MO-4
	Morality, Ethics, and Social Justice	Media Option	MO-4
	Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I	Archdiocese of Louisville Internet	FF-6 &
	·		MO-4
	Overview of the Mass	Media Option	MO-5
	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-5
	Sacrament of Baptism, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-5
	Sacrament of Confirmation, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-6
	Sacrament of Eucharist, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-6
	Sacrament of Holy Orders, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-6
	Sacrament of Matrimony, Past, Present and Future	Media Option	MO-7
	Sacrament of Reconciliation, Past and Present	Media Option	MO-7
	Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues	Media Option	MO-7
	Spiritual Growth in Tough Times	Media Option	MO-8
	Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life	Media Option	MO-8
	Theology of Church	Media Option	MO-8
	Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness	Media Option	MO-9
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## **Catechist Classes**

Approaches to Teaching the History of Roman Catholicism in the United States

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Dr. Dan Martin, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

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

This class is tended for teachers of various subjects and age ranges who wish to incorporate more Catholic history into their courses as well as for teachers who cover theological education specifically.

#### **Dignity & Grace: Thomas Merton on Race**

Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

Presenter: Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Theology Teacher, St. Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Theology (1.5 hours in the content area of Catholic Social

Teaching and 1.5 hours in the content area of Spirituality)

This class will explore Thomas Merton's writings and teachings that directly respond to race relations throughout his life and experience, as guide for contemporary advocacy of the dignity of all humanity. Specifically drawing from his writings during the Civil Rights Movement, participants will engage Merton's wisdom and keen eye of the authentic nature of the human person beyond labels and divisions, and to recognize the inherent unity and inclusion at the heart of humanity.

#### **Eucharist Workshop**

Date: Friday, August 6, 2021 Time: 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Ann Pifer, Retired Associate Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Annette Bergamini, Parish Catechetical Leader, St. Martha Parish

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Catechetics

This class will review basic information about the theology of Eucharist and introduce catechists to skills and techniques for preparing children for "First Communion." It will provide helpful suggestions and practical resources.

**Exploring Religions of our World: Part I Hinduism** 

Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Online- Zoom (Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants one week prior to class)

Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 1.5 hours applies toward Electives under the Master level

USCCB Curriculum Framework provides the option for students to complete a course call <u>Ecumenical and Interreligious Issues (Elective Option E)</u>. Therefore, this session is designed for secondary school theology and social studies teachers. The goals of this session are to create engaging lessons and project-based assessments with the hope that students recognize the value of living in a globalized world based on empathy and mutual respect. This session may also be appropriate for theology department chairs and/or secondary school administrators to consider choosing this elective in their scope and sequence.

#### Exploring Religions of our World: Part 2 Buddhism

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Online- Zoom (Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants one week prior to class)

Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

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#### **Exodus: Becoming a Nation**

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Adam Zoeller, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School and

Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$20.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 6 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

This class will explore the meaning behind the book of Exodus and contemporary images from the stories. This class will also offer concrete ways for educators to respond to the tough questions about the plagues, sacrifice, the Law, and the Promised Land, as well assignments that can help students understand the authentic meaning of the text. Attention will also be paid to contrast film depictions of stories from Exodus, such as Exodus: Gods and Kings (2014), Prince of Egypt (1998), The 10 Commandments (1923 & 1956), and the Bible Miniseries (2013).

**Faith Development** 

Date: Monday, June 7, or Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Mary Hynes, Pastoral Associate for St. Aloysius, Pewee Valley, June 7

Maureen Larison, Consultant for Initiation and Adult Formation, Archdiocese of Louisville

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, Ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Faith Development or toward

the area of Catechetics

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

**History in Light of the Incarnation** 

Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Andrew Meirose and Dr. Dan Martin, Theology Teachers, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, Ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 credit hours: 1.5 applies toward the Theology in the content area of Church and 1.5

applies toward Methods

By way of His entry into history, the Incarnate God transformed the very nature of history. The way that the Church understands and narrates history, therefore, ought to reflect the radical transformation effected by Jesus' death and resurrection. In this class we will explore how a history program in a Catholic school should look different from one in a non-Catholic school. This class will be of particular interest for anyone who teaches History or Theology.

**Images of God** 

Date: Friday, June 11, or Monday, July 26, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., June 11; 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., July 26

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Bernie Schum, Theology Teacher, Trinity High School, June 11

Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School, July 30

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Images of God or toward

Theology in the content area of Spirituality

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

**Introduction to Christology** 

Date: Thursday, June 10, or Thursday, July 29, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., June 10; 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., July 29

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

Presenter: Andrew Meirose, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Christology or

toward Theology in the content area of Christology

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

#### **Introduction to Prayer**

Date: Tuesday, June 8, or Thursday, July 29, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., June 8; 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 29

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Janice Mulligan, African American Catholic Ministries Associate, June 8

Jane Cruthirds, Theology Teacher, Sacred Heart Academy, July 29

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

<u>Imcdaniel@archlou.org</u> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Prayer or

Theology in the content area of Prayer

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

#### Introduction to Sacraments

Date: Tuesday, June 8, or Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Ann Pifer, Retired Director of Children's Formation, Our Lady of Lourdes

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Sacraments or

toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

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

#### **Introduction to Scripture**

Date: Thursday, June 10, or Monday, July 26, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., June 10; 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 26

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

Presenter: Art Turner, Office of Faith Formation Director, Archdiocese of Louisville, June 10

Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School, July 26

Cost: \$10 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the content area of Introduction to

Scripture or toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

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

#### Justice in the Light of the Incarnation: The Promotion of Human Deification

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

Presenter: Andrew Meirose, Theology Teacher, St. Xavier High School

Cost: \$10 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

<u>Imcdaniel@archlou.org</u> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

Every account of justice is rooted in a particular understanding of the human person. Debates about justice in contemporary culture are often impoverished by insufficient reflection on just this question of human identity. In this session, we will explore the primary and rival understandings of justice in the West and the anthropologies that undergird them. We will then consider how the demands of justice can ultimately be known only in the light of the Incarnation, by which our identity as humans is fully revealed. Finally, we will reflect on how this Incarnational understanding of both the human person and the nature of justice might radically transform the character of our discussions about justice.

#### **Mentoring Experience**

Date: Ongoing; This process may be started at any time.

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

Catechist Credit: At completion, 15 hours applies toward Mentoring Experience

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

Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part I

Date: Ongoing; This online class may be started at any time.

Location: Archdiocese of Louisville Online Course Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

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

Once your registration has been processed, you will receive directions on how to

enroll in the course.

Catechist Credit: 2 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical

Ministry

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

**Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II** 

Date: Monday, June 7, or Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m., June 7 or 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Aug. 3

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

Presenters: Debbie Minton, Director of Religious Formation, St. Athanasius, and

Mary Hynes, Pastoral Associate for St. Aloysius, Pewee Valley, June 7 Debbie Minton, Driector of Religious Formaiton, St. Athanasius, Aug. 3

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical Ministry

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

#### **Reconciliation Workshop**

Date: Friday, August 6, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., 40203

Presenter: Annette Bergamini, Parish Catechetical Leader, St. Martha Parish and

Ann Pifer, Retired Associate Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of Lourdes

Cost: \$10 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

<u>Imcdaniel@archlou.org</u> or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Catechetics

This class will review basic information about the theology of Reconciliation and look at the components of providing an effective sacramental Reconciliation celebration. It will provide helpful suggestions and practical resources.

Reflecting on Our Baptismal Call: Lay Ministry in Praxis

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Theology Teacher, Sacred Heart Academy, June 17

Cost: \$10 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to insure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

Catechist Credit: 4 hours credit total: 2 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation and 2 hours applies toward

Methods

Lay ministers, regardless of role or profession, are active and necessary leaders in today's Church and society. Ministerial reflection reveals reasons for hope and opportunities for transformation in our ministry praxis. This class will present a Jesuit Theological Reflection Model which encourages ministry leaders to look at their praxis in a new way. The format will provide opportunity to practice the reflection model and share insights with other participants. Participants will leave this class with actionable ideas to integrate immediately into their ministry work.

Sophia: The Feminine Wisdom and Voice of the Church

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Jane Cruthirds, Theology Teacher, Sacred Heart Academy, June 17

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.

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

"Today we still need to make greater space for a more incisive feminine presence in the Church..." Pope Francis. This course is designed to investigate the powerful voice of women across Salvation History to inspire faith-filled women to continue to be present in the church and seek opportunities to be in places where important decisions are made. The course format will provide stories of strong women of great faith, touch on the beauty of feminist Theology and encourage participants to reflect on and share the importance of "Sophia" in their own faith journey.

#### **Theological Exegesis on Pandemics**

Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Location: Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St. 40203

Presenter: Dr. Thomas Malewitz, Theology Teacher, Saint Xavier High School

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Register prior to Class to ensure class availability. Contact Lynn McDaniel at

Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward General Theology

The pandemic abruptly changed common pastoral ministry experiences and expectations. With ever-changing sets of social regulations, and a sense of caution and anxiety, it is important for pastoral ministers to learn from the wisdom of Scripture to engage the future with hope. This workshop will examine the experiences of the lockdown from a critical lens to explore a compassionate response for post-pandemic pastoral ministry. Key themes of authentic living, human fragility, and the foundations of community, connectivity, hope, and mercy will be explored through the lens of Church history and spirituality.

# **Media Options**

(No more than **5 hours** may be taken either online independent study or as a media option for the completion of the Associate Level. For the total required coursework, no more than **20 percent** (40 hours) may be completed on an individual basis. the remaining requirements must be fulfilled through live, gathered offerings and interactive online options.)

(\*) indicates required viewing for this course is available online at www.formedinfaith.wordpress.com, under the Online Learning tab

#### **Creating Sabbath in Our Lives**

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 7 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

There is a total of 5 sessions.

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

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

## Foundation of Liturgy \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

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

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

### Images of God \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Images of God or toward

Theology in the content area of Spirituality

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

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

#### **Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching**

Date: Ongoing (Online)

Location: Archdiocese of Louisville Online Course

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Contact Lynn McDaniel at <a href="mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org">lmcdaniel@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296 ext.1267.

Once your registration has been processed, you will receive directions on how to enroll in

the course.

Catechist Credit: 7 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

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

## Introduction to Prayer \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Prayer or

toward Theology in the content area of Prayer

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

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

## Introduction to Sacraments \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Sacraments or

toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments

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

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

#### **Introduction to Scripture**

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Scripture or

toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

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

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

# Introduction to Spirituality \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality

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

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

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

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation.

There is a total of 3 sessions.

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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: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Scripture

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

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

#### **Mentoring Experience**

Date: Ongoing

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

Catechist Credit: At completion, 15 hours applies toward Mentoring Experience

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#### Morality, Ethics, and Social Justice

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

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

Date: Ongoing

Location: Archdiocese of Louisville Online Course Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Registration: Contact Lynn McDaniel at <a href="mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org">lmcdaniel@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1267.

Once your registration has been processed, you will receive directions on how to

enroll in the course.

Catechist Credit: 2 hours applies toward the Associate Level in the area of Overview of Catechetical

Ministry

This course is an introductory overview of catechesis, which will provide you 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 you with ideas and resources to use in catechetical session planning.

# Overview of the Mass \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Liturgy

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

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

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

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

#### Sacrament of Baptism, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

#### Sacrament of Eucharist, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

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

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

Sacrament of Matrimony, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

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

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

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation, Past and Present

Cost: \$10.00 (checks payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

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

Expert author Kathleen Chesto discusses the nature and purpose of the Sacrament of 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.

#### Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

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

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

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

**Spiritual Growth in Tough Times** 

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation.

There is a total of 3 sessions.

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

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

Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at erowan@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

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

Completion Requirement: After viewing Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the 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.

Theology of Church \*

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

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for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 2.5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Church

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

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

**Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness** 

Cost: \$10.00 (check payable to ALMI)

Contact: Contact Elo Rowan at <a href="mailto:erowan@archlou.org">erowan@archlou.org</a> or (502) 636-0296, ext.1236.

for class materials and additional assignments.

Catechist Credit: 3 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation.

There is a total of 3 sessions.

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

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

# Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation online classes from the University of Dayton

To register and pay for Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) courses, please go to the VLCFF University of Dayton web site at vlcff.udayton.edu or contact Lynn McDaniel, Coordinator for Catechetical Ministry, at Imcdaniel@archlou.org or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267, for more information.

The cost for the classes is: \$50.00 per course/\$40.00 per seminar

Cycle 4

Dates: May 16 – June 19, 2021

Registration: Opens April 14 & Closes May 12

Cycle 5

Dates: July 4 – August 7, 2021

Registration: Opens May 19 & Closes June 30

Cycle 6

Date: August 22 – September 25, 2021 Registration: Opens July 7 & Closes August 19

### **Courses Available:**

### Administration in Ministry - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Methods

Whether your area of ministerial expertise is in catechetics, pastoral skills, social justice, liturgy, youth ministry, working with young adults, or music, as one who manages others, in either a paid or volunteer capacity, you will be called on to use the tools and skills of administration. Almost all ministers find themselves at some time in an administrative or supervisory role, being asked to plan, make decisions, set goals and priorities, facilitate meetings, prepare budgets, mediate conflict, and evaluate people and processes which will require skills in giving effective feedback. Another aspect of ministerial life that leaders are responsible for is to invite others to volunteer their talents and time, to activate the gifts of the gifted and facilitate their willingness to serve. Ministers are expected to do all these tasks in an atmosphere of calm and control, while keeping within the frameworks provided by civil law and canon law.

Other coursework for this certificate addresses a variety of leadership skills, including effective communication and collaboration. Participants will integrate those skills with the role of administrator/manager/supervisor. Basic information on some Human Resource related practices that impact administrative roles will also be introduced. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Autism in Faith Formation - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics, 5 hours applies toward Theology in

the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, and 5 hours applies toward Methods

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

#### A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics, 5 hours applies in Theology in the

content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, and 5 hours applies toward Spiritual

Formation

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

#### Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, or Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 5 hours applies toward Overview of Catechetical Ministry; 2.5 hours

applies toward Faith Development and 7.5 hours applies toward Catechetics

Understanding the significance of catechists for both nurturing an encounter with Jesus Christ within those we catechize and appreciating one's sense of vocation as a catechist. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

#### Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.2 – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of General Theology

and 10 hours applies toward Catechetics/Methods.

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

#### Bible Basics - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

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

hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

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

#### Catholic Beliefs - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 20 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs

and Practices and 5 hours applies toward Catechetics

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

#### Catholic Identity and Culture (Seminar) - Cycle 5

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

Practices and 10 hours applies toward Catechetics

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

Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, and Human Sexuality Education (Seminar) – Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 10 hours applies toward Theology int eh content area of Morality and 5

hours applies toward Methods

In their 2007 Chaste Living Guidelines the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that chastity education" teaching the proper use of sexuality within relationships" should be mandatory for all Catholic schools, religious education programs for children, and youth ministry programs. While many dioceses today have a chastity/human sexuality/family life requirement in their catechetical guidelines, few have a course of instruction to prepare teachers and catechists to teach the topic. For this reason, many teachers and catechists feel unprepared, and so are reluctant to teach this part of the Church's message. The lack of qualified teachers also limits the number of parishes and schools who can even offer such a course of study.

This three-session course will introduce teachers and catechists to the Church's documents pertaining to chastity education, help them to understand what is expected of a teacher in chastity education, and offer appropriate teaching methodologies for teaching such a course of study. Included in this course is pertinent information a teacher or catechist will need if he or she is responsible for teaching a child-safety educational component.

The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Christology - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of

Christology and 10 hours in the content area of Scripture)

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

#### Church History 1 - Cycle 4, Cycle 6

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

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

Church History 2 – Cycle 5

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

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

Church History 2 navigates the student from the Reformation (where Church History I ended) through the Second Vatican Council into the 21st century. Students explore the cultural, political, social and religious factors which influenced the Church's journey. Significant men and women emerged to support and challenge the Church's understanding of herself and relationship with the world. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

#### Collaboration and Community - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Methods and 10 hours applies toward Theology in

the content area of Church

Just as Jesus chose a community model for his followers in His day, we also experience community as a fundamental component of living as Catholic Christians. Those who minister in community settings need to be able to be together in a healthy and productive way. The minsters themselves need to minister as a community and not as a collection of individuals, each carrying out their specific roles and tasks. Sometimes this happens naturally. More often than not, they need to understand how to do that well and understand both obstacles and advantages of collaboration. There are theological reasons for collaboration, which underpin our style of ministry. There are predictable obstacles that can be met in a healthy way if we understand them. There are skills that can easily be used to make the process productive and even holy. Those situations with multiple parishes sharing staff are particularly in need of collaborative ministry. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Communication and Community - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Methods

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

#### Conscience - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Morality

and 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

Helping the student see morality as a response to the universal call to holiness and as a response to the invitation of eternal life with God, this introductory course relies heavily on the Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Thomas Schindler's series of articles on morality to explore the theology and the process of moral decision-making. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Parish Life - Pastoral Implications - Cycle 5

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

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

#### Disability across the Life Span: Prenatal Diagnosis - End of Life Care - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 10 hours applies toward Theology (5 hours in the content area of Catholic

Beliefs and Practices and 5 hours in the content area of Family Life) and 15 hours toward

Methods

This course will examine disability at all ages and stages of life, including pre-natal and end-of-life considerations, withing the context of Catholic parish life and teaching. A global and U.S. -national overview of disability prevalence and key considerations will provide participants with important context for understanding the presence of disability in their faith communities.

Special attention to faith formation and parish ministry for persons with disabilities will enable Course participants to consider ways they might better and more fully welcome persons with disabilities into parish life. Also included are discussions of use of technology to more fully welcome persons with disabilities into parish life and other methods of communication that create a sense of belonging for all members of the faith community. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and

Practices and 20 hours toward Methods

Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview (hereafter, Disabilities: An Overview) seeks to provide participants with a basic understanding of the perspectives of people with disabilities and their family and friends, relevant issues of concern, and ways in which participants can create accessible parish and diocesan environments. It includes information on the less-than-obvious aspects of disability ministry not always apparent to the casual observer, such as stigma, grief, poverty, attitudes, family dynamics, and culture.

The *Disabilities: An Overview* course is designed for diocesan personnel as well as pastors and associates, deacons, seminarians, catechetical leaders and catechists, parish nurses, members of the liturgy or social justice committee, teachers, family members, and parish council members...all those whose ministries impact Catholics with disabilities. It is important for these church leaders and the total body of Christ to gain an understanding that:

- 1. One in five persons in every parish across the world has a definable disability. When family members are included this comes to a sizeable if silent part of most parishes.
- 2. Disability is not always obvious. It is important for parish leadership to understand the need, and to reach out. Simple accommodations can yield great results.
- 3. The life and dignity of every person is an integral part of Church teaching. Learning effective ways of including people with disabilities in the life of the Church affirms this truth.

Please note the required resource *Opening Doors of Welcome and Justice to Parishioners the Disabilities: A Parish Guide* is available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=443

The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church - Cycle 4

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

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

[Catechists and lay ecclesial ministers are **required** to take all three courses in order.] **The required resources** for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church – Cycle 5

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

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

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

[Catechists and lay ecclesial ministers are required to take all three courses in order.]
The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

Ecclesiology: Reframing Church - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of

Church and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices)

Reframing Church is the third course in the VCLFF track Introductions 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 own 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 been 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. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

Echoes of Racism: Whispers of Healing (Seminar) - Cycle 6

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

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

# Emotional Intelligence and its Impact on Faith Formation (Seminar) - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics

This seminar seeks to apply the principles of Emotional Intelligence to Faith Formation. The concept of Emotional Intelligence has been around for almost two decades. It has been widely accepted that great leaders know about their emotional intelligence quotients and are able to tap into this as they assist others in their growth – of themselves and their various ministries. Participants will be introduced to the concepts of Emotional Intelligence and guided to practice them within their ministries. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Faith and Human Development - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 5 hours applies toward the Associate Level (2.5 hours in the area of Faith

Development and 2.5 hours in the area of Images of God) and 20 hours applies toward Catechetics or 2.5 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality and

22.5 hours applies toward Catechetics

The course provides an introduction to stage theories of human development and spiritual growth. Participants will consider the relationship between the maturation of human beings and their growth in the spiritual life. The works of Fowler, Erikson, Kohlberg, Gilligan, Piaget and others will provide the foundation for examining psychological and spiritual growth during childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle age, and older adulthood. Particular attention is given to moral and ego development in relationship to spiritual progress. Finally, these theories will be applied to the particular age cohort of the student in effort to promote self-understanding. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Foundations and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith Formation - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics and 10 hours toward Theology in the

content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices

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

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

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

# Foundations for Liturgy - Cycle 4, and Cycle 6

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

In this course, students will be able to explain the basic parts of the Mass including prayers, the three components of a church building, and, the basic signs, symbols and rituals in liturgy that help us understand how God communicates with us. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Fundamentals in Deaf Faith Formation Methodologies - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Catechetics and 10 hours applies toward

Theology in the content area of Culture/Diversity

This course is designed to provide an informative base and understanding regarding: Deaf Culture, perspectives on deafness, methods of communication, spectrum of deafness, sacramental, faith formation and RCIA accommodations, adaptations and resources. This course will address the unique experiences of Deaf people from various perspectives. This course is designed for Catholic School teachers who need to familiarize themselves with faith formation methodologies; as well as catechetical leaders and catechists who need to familiarize themselves with the lingo and fundamentals of ministering to families with Deaf people. This course may also be beneficial to parents of Deaf children who may wish to learn more about approaches to educating their children in the faith.

\*\*\*Please note: the course <u>Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview</u> is a prerequisite for this course.

# The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Galatians - Cycle 5

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

This course is an in-depth study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. In this course students will learn about the location and ethnic makeup of the Galatian community, and they will learn about key Pauline terms such as "works of the law," "justification," and "faith in / of Christ," which will assist students as they interpret other Pauline letters. Galatians will also introduce students to one of the earliest conflicts in Christianity--the place of non-Jews *or* Gentiles in the Christian community. Moreover, this letter will inform students about the opponents of Paul, commonly called *Judaizers*, and the differences between the theology of the Jerusalem Church and Paul himself. Study of this letter will help students understand many of today's theological differences between Protestants and Catholics that go back to the time of the Reformation, and study of this letter will help students better understand the conflicts between the Church and the Synagogue that started as early as the late first-century CE. Finally, this course will give students a glimpse of early Christian ethics and what it meant to live a virtuous life in the early Christian communities. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

#### Images of Jesus - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

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

Liturgy)

**Note:** It is advisable to have taken Introduction to Scripture before attempting this course. (The former title of this course was "Jesus"). 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?" **The** 

required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Introduction to Catechesis - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

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

in the content area of Culture/Diversity

Vatican II called for a renewal in Catechesis. From the close of Vatican II until the present time various Church documents have been published guiding both the content and process of catechesis by both Rome and the bishops of the United States. The *General Directory for Catechesis* (*GDC*), the *National Directory for Catechesis* (*NDC*) and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (*CCC*) speak of "the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ"• (*GDC* #90, *NDC* p55 and *CCC*#426). This course will present the ministry of catechesis in light of this statement. It will consider catechesis from the perspective of evangelization and how baptismal catechumenate is an inspiration for catechesis. The course will focus more on the process and methods for catechesis than the content. Thus, the course will also look at who is to be catechized, appropriate methods, lesson planning, creative catechesis and the importance and vocation of the catechist. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

# Introduction to Christian Morality – Cycle 4, Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (18 hours in the content area of Morality

and 7 hours applies in the content area of Scripture)

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

#### Introduction to Liturgy – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Liturgy

and 5 hours in the content area of Scripture)

As central to the life of the Christian person, liturgy engages the heart, body and soul in praise, thanks and worship of God as Trinity. In this course, participants will study the ritual and symbolic meaning of liturgy, its structural elements and its importance to Christian worship and life. All reading material is built into the course. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Introduction to Christian Morality – Cycle 4, Cycle 6

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

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

# Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters - Cycle 4

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

**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. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Introduction to Practical Morality - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Morality

and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

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

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

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

hours applies toward Spiritual Formation or 2.5 hours applies toward Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Prayer and 12.5 applies toward Theology in the content area of

Prayer and 10 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

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

# Introduction to Scripture - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

Catechist Credit:

25 hours total: 25 hours applies 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 applies toward Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Scripture and 22.5 applies toward Theology (17.5 hours in the content area of Scripture and 5 hours in the content area of

Catholic Beliefs and Practices)

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

# Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 15 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Sacraments and

10 hours applies toward Spiritual Formation

The Sacraments of Initiation draw us deeply into Christ's life and life within the Christian community, and through them we are sent out in mission in Christ's name. This course will provide a foundational study and reflection on the history and theology of these key sacramental moments. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

# **Leadership in Ministry – Cycle 5**

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Methods

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

# Many Faces of Adult Learners - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 10 hours applies toward Catechetics and 15 hours applies toward

Theology in the content area of Culture/Diversity

In Catechesi Tradendae, (On Catechesis in Our Times, #43), Pope John Paul II wrote that the catechesis of adults is "the principal form of catechesis, because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form." In 1999, the bishops of the United States presented us with a pastoral plan for fulfilling the challenge of forming and transforming adults into persons with mature faith. This document is Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States.

Before we can successfully catechize adults, however, we must first understand who the adults in our Church are. In this course we shall briefly explore the elements which determine how we plan for and implement adult learning and faith formation opportunities in our parishes.

This course is part of a specialized <u>Certificate in Adult Formation Leadership</u> 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 at vlcff.VLCFFdayton.edu/certificates/ for more information. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

Marianist Studies: Mary, Holy Possibility - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Catholic

Beliefs and Practices and 10 hours in the content area of Scripture)

"With God all things are possible."

In this course we will visit with Mary as believer, prophet, God-bearer/mother, disciple, and companion reflecting on the events of her life and the life of her son Jesus.

The kaleidoscope of events in Mary's life, the various historical and Marianist voices relating the meaning of Mary in their lives, and times of sitting with Mary and Jesus in Scripture will present the challenge, our companion on the way as continue to grow in holiness.

Whether you have a relationship with Mary or are indifferent to her, whether you do or do not have "devotion" to her, we will encounter Mary, our gift from God. We will ponder as she does and ask her to journey with us, as we would ask a favor of a friend. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

#### The Mass – Cycle 4, Cycle 6

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

The prerequisite for this course is Foundations of Liturgy.

This class provides a basic understanding of the history, structure and central pastoral focus of the Mass of the Roman Rite. The curriculum is based on the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and other primary liturgical norms and directives. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

#### Ministering in Times of Scandals and Divisions (Seminar) - Cycle 5

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

St. Paul VI wrote that the Church "exists in order to evangelize" – but how do we share the Good News and form missionary disciples when reports of scandals and divisions so often dominate the news? How do we help those who are struggling to make sense of everything that is happening? This seminar will look at the roots of scandals and divisions in the Church and the response of the Church, while offering suggestions on ways to help ourselves and others find healing though grief work and prayer. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

#### Ministry Leadership in the Church Today (Seminar) - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 15 hours applies toward Methods

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

Moral Injury: When our Pain Blocks God's Joy - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies to Theology (10 hours applies in the content area of

Church, 10 hours in the content area of Morality, and 5 hours in the content area of

Sacraments)

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

New Testament - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

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

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

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

# Old Testament - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

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

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

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

# On Bended Knee (Seminar) - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 15 total hours: 10 applies toward Spiritual Formation and 5 hours applies toward Theology

(2.5 hours in the content area of Liturgy and 2.5 hours in the content area of Catholic

Social Teaching)

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

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

The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# On the Call to Holiness (Gaudete Et Exsultate) - Cycle 4

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

#### This course:

- Will be an introduction to the Apostolic Exhortation Call to Holiness
- Will Highlight the Beatitudes
- Will Exploring Discernment for Nurturing one's spiritual life
- Has no prerequisites for this course.

The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Parish and Social Action - Cycle 6

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

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

In his first encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that "love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel." Ensuring that our parishes reflect this three-part mission is the responsibility of all Catholics, particularly parish staff as well as catechetical and social ministry leaders. This course will explore the roots of the parish's social mission in Scripture and Catholic social teaching. Students will draw on a variety of resources to study key elements of, and learn strategies for, effective parish social action.

The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Parish as a Learning Community – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 15 hours applies toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Church,

and 5 hours in the content area of Culture/Diversity) and 10 hours applies toward

Catechetics

In looking at the role of the parish, it is important to discern the cultural context for parish life today. It is the cultural context which leads to an understanding of the role of the parish. To facilitate adult learning and faith formation within the parish's cultural context, it is necessary to review the dynamics and stages of community and group development, clarify the characteristics of a learning community, and develop strategies for developing the parish as a learning community.

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. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

# Pastoral Approach to Culture - Cycle 4

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

Faith is always expressed within a culture. One's culture shapes the way we understand and live the Church's beliefs and teachings. In order to effectively minister to people today it is important that the minister know and understand the culture of the people whom he or she is trying to serve. This course introduces ministers to the field of cultural studies and offers guidance to help the minister better serve the people in his or her community. On completing this course, the minister will have a solid grounding in the language of cultural studies and understanding of the Catholic Church's practice of missiology and inculturation, and 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. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Catholic Social Teaching

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

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

#### Prayer and Worship with Adolescents - Cycle 6

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

hours applies toward Catechetics

This course will provide an introduction to the theology of prayer and worship and will explore practical methods and techniques for leading prayer and worship with young people. There will be a special emphasis on the value of a multi-cultural perspective in all opportunities for engaging young people in prayer.

Prophets – Cycle 6

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

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

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

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Catechetics

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

# Relational Ministry with Youth – Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 10 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Beliefs

and Practices and 15 hours applies toward Catechetic.

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

# Sacraments - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of

Sacraments and 5 hours applies toward content area of Liturgy) or 2.5 hours applies toward Associate Level in the area of Introduction to Sacraments and 22.5 applies toward Theology (17.5 hours in the content area of Sacraments and 5 hours in the content area of

Liturgy)

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

# Scripture and Justice - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Scripture

and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching)

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

Catholic Social Teaching is the fruit of a rich tradition of ecumenical council documents, papal encyclicals, bishops' conference documents and more, all of which are rooted in the sacred texts of Scripture. The story of the Old Testament is, at its heart, the story of a people striving to achieve and maintain a life-giving community. The writings of the New Testament indicate an emerging Christian community's dawning understanding of Jesus' life, death and resurrection as the culmination of God's plan for the world. This course examines the biblical vision of community, ordered above all toward justice and cooperation, and the way in which both Old and New Testaments provide the framework for living justly in today's world. The required resources for this course may be available at OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION.

# Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple (Seminar) - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 15 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (15 hours in the content area of Scripture

and 10 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Spirituality

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

# Study of the Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) - Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 20 hours applies toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of

Spirituality, 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices, 5 hours in the content area of Culture/Diversity, and 5 hours in the content area of Catholic Social

Teaching)

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

# Survey of Catholic Doctrine - Cycle 4, Cycle 5, and Cycle 6

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Catholic

Belief and Practices, 5 hours in the content area of Scripture, 5 hours in the content area

of Christology, and 5 hours in the content area of Church

This course will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church. Participants will come to a better understanding of the Trinity, original sin, Church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. Participants will be asked to identify the meaning of magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms. **The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.** 

# Survey of Catholic Social Teaching - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 hours total: 25 hours applies toward Theology (10 hours in the content area of Catholic

Social Teaching and 10 hours in the content area of Catholic Beliefs and Practices and 5

hours in the content area of Scripture)

"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 required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.

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

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

hours applies toward Catechetics

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

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

Understanding Culture in Ministry: Building Bridges - Cycle 5

Catechist Credit: 25 hours applies toward Theology in the content area of Prayer

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

# Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists - Cycle 5

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

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

# Vocation to Ministry - Cycle 4

Catechist Credit: 25 total hours: 25 hours applies toward Theology (20 hours in the content area of Church

and 5 hours in the content area of Sacraments)

The Vocation to Ministry course provides participants an opportunity to develop a deeper comprehension of ministry and to reflect on their own ministry. In the Catholic Church the role of the minister is central to the Church's mission to evangelize and make a disciple. Once almost exclusively the province of the clergy and the vowed members of religious communities, a sense of 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. The required resources for this course may be available at the Office of Faith Formation.



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