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Date	Topic/Activity	Comments	Team
June 12 th	The RCIA Journey Perspective from Recent Converts		A/B
June 19 th	Happy Father's Day – No session today		n/a
June 26 th	KF Unit 1: The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & The God Who is Love		В
July 3 rd	4 th of July Break – combined with Sponsor Week	No Session – Meet with Sponsor	n/a
July 10 th	KF Unit 2: <u>Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & the Compass for Our Lives</u>		Α
July 17 th	KF Unit 3: The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity		В
July 24 th	KF Unit 4: The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption		А
July 31st	KF Unit 5: Who Is Jesus?: Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?		В
Aug. 7 th	KF Unit 6: The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection		Α
Aug. 14 th	Special Topic: Fr John Riccardo – "That's Not the God I Knew Growing up"	Fr. John Riccardo video	В
Aug. 21st	KF Unit 7: The Holy Spirit: And the Life of Grace		Α
Aug. 28 th	KF Unit 8: Why Do I Need the Church?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church		В
Sept. 4 th	Happy Labor Day combined with Sponsor Week	No Session – Meet with Sponsor	n/a
Sept. 11 th	KF Unit 9: Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of the Saints		Α
Sept. 18 th	Special Topic: FEARLESS – A Documentary on Catholic Evangelization		В
Sept. 25 th	KF Unit 10: The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?		Α
Oct. 2 nd	LF Unit 1: The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation		В
Oct. 9 th	LF Unit 2: The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life		Α
Oct. 16 th	Special Topic: Living as a Holy Spirit-led Disciple	Ms. Lavinia Spirito	В
Oct. 23 rd	LF Unit 3: Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy		Α
Oct. 30 th	Sponsor Week (Light of the World Retreat this weekend)	No Session – Meet with Sponsor	n/a
Nov. 6 th	Special Topic: A Teaching Mass	Fr. John Moriarty	В
Nov. 13 th	LF Unit 4: Penance & Anointing the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed		Α
Nov. 20 th	Meet the Clergy/Religious/Staff – A Priest's Perspective on the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Fr. David Wheeler	В
Nov. 27 th	Happy Thanksgiving combined with Sponsor Week	No Session – Meet with Sponsor	n/a
Dec. 4 th	LF Unit 5: Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service & Communion		Α
Dec. 11 th	LF Unit 6: A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness		В
Dec. 18 th	LF Unit 7: A Love that Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love		Α

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Dec. 25 th	Christmas/New Year Break	No Session	n/a
Jan. 1 st	Christmas/New Year Break	No Session	n/a
Jan. 8 th	LF Unit 8: A Love that Lasts: God's Plan for Sexuality		В
Jan. 15 th	LF Unit 9: Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilization of Love		Α
Jan. 22 nd	Special Topic: Introduction to the Theology of the Body	Mr. Mike Allen	В
Jan. 29 th	LF Unit 10: Catholic Social Teaching: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person		Α
Feb. 5 th	Special Topic: Catholic Social Teaching Lived Out at Christ the King	Ministry Leaders	В
Feb. 12 th	Special Topic: REVIVE: Signs and Wonders		Α
Feb. 19 th	Special Topic: Seasons of the Church and Preview of the Period of Purification & Enlightenment	Deacon Tim Weinmann	В
Feb. 22 nd	Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent; Beginning of the Period of Purification & Enlightenment	No Session	n/a

- The preferred method of participation is in-person. But there is a ZOOM option for those who can attend remotely as needed. Regardless, the morning will have the following basic structure:
 - o Participate at the 9:00 AM streamed Mass (or in-person at any Mass) Catechumens only return to the ZOOM session following the homily (approximately 9:25 AM) for a short Breaking Open the Word session (20-30 minutes) – finish as 9 AM Mass finishes.
 - O At the conclusion of Mass, those present in person come down to the Parish Life Center Room A. Those participating by Livestream then come to the ZOOM session provided in the weekly E-mail.
 - o RCIA will begin approximately 10 minute following the end of the 9 AM Mass. Those on ZOOM should be patient. It may take a few minutes following Mass to get downstairs and set up for the session on ZOOM. Hang in there!
 - The session will run from approximately 10:10 AM until 11:45 AM.
- Sponsor Weeks are scattered in the schedule (last week of the month) to allow interaction with Sponsor and make-up for missed sessions
- Symbolon (Units 1-20) Directions for online access to the Formed.org web-site is provided in a separate document. Contact Deacon Tim if you don't already have access to this site.
- Primary Facilitators/Catechists:

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- In case of winter weather threat, you will receive an E-mail by 7AM with a decision about that morning's session.
- Contact one of the team if you will be absent from a session. Work with your sponsor to make-up missed sessions.
- Contact Deacon Tim Weinmann if you have questions about the overall process, your status, etc.
 - o tweinmann@cdlex.org or 859-266-9314

Many of the Catechumenate sessions consist of modules from a web-based resource called *Symbolon, The Catholic Faith Explained*. Those are the ones in the schedule that begin with either "KF Unit XX ..." or "LF Unit XX." There are 20 episodes spread out through the calendar. The majority of modules have two parts in each video. Participants are asked to watch the first episode (< 15 minutes in length) on their own and before each class as a way to introduce the topic of that module. Participants will watch the second part of the video together during the session. For those units with only one video, it will be viewed in the session. There will be a discussion of the topic following the video for that session.

For missed sessions, it is imperative that sponsors step up and serve as a sounding-board for their candidate/catechumen. Sponsors have access to all of the same resources as the catechumens/candidates. There should be ongoing communication between sponsor and catechumens/candidates throughout this process. But it is imperative that this happen when sessions are missed so the catechumens/candidates have the opportunity to discuss the topic of that session and ask any questions they might have.

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