

CORE CURRICULUM FOR CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES

CORE COURSES

SOWING GOD’S WORD

Catechesis is firmly rooted within the mission of the Church and is an “essential and remarkable moment” within the process of evangelization. This course explores the major documents and principles of catechesis and evangelization, reflects upon the vocation of the catechist, and examines lifelong faith formation. Catechetics 10 hours

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC MORALITY

This course explores the foundations and principles of our moral life through understanding the dignity of human person, the nature of our lives in community, the moral law in scripture, the formation of conscience, and moral decision making. Morality 10 hours

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Foundations in Community and Human Dignity

The Church’s Catholic Social Teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of society. This course explores the foundation and the principles of the Catholic tradition as articulated in papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. Catholic Social Teaching 10 hours

CATHOLIC BELIEF AND TRADITION

Catholic Belief and Tradition provides an overview of the Catholic faith by examining the creed as statements of belief. What do Catholics believe about Revelation, Incarnation, Trinity, Redemption, Grace, and the Communion of Saints? Through a process of study and personal reflection, participants grow in their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Creed 20 hours

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

Introduction to Scripture surveys the origin, composition and foundational stories of the Bible. In addition to acquiring a basic biblical literacy, participants explore and reflect upon dominant Scriptural themes within the context of their life experience. This approach to Scripture invites participants to recognize that ongoing dialogue with the Word of God is essential on their journey to Christian maturity. Scripture 20 hours

CATECHETICAL METHODS

ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS

Forming Youth as Disciples

Participants are invited to consider adolescents within the context of total life of the parish. Those who minister with adolescents and their families will explore pastoral practices and strategies that nurture their spirituality, call them to ongoing formation, and empower them to fulfill their roles as disciples. Catechetics 10 hours

ELEMENTARY CATECHESIS

Forming Children as Disciples

This course will help catechists attain the basic knowledge and skills necessary to minister with children and their families. The course explores: Catechetical terms, methodologies, tasks and principles of effective catechesis. Catechetics 10 hours

ISSUES AND TOPICS IN CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Participants examine the process of initiation, focusing on the various rites, periods, and ministries. For beginners as well as those with some experience with the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, the course will provide a perspective for ministry with seekers.
Christian Initiation 20 hours

READY YOUR HEARTS

Forming Adults as Disciples

This introduction to adult faith formation is for members of adult faith formation teams, RCIA teams, and small Church communities; for intergenerational faith formation catechists; and for others who minister with and to adults. Participants will examine the lifelong process of faith formation; explore who, what, why, where, and how of adult faith formation; and experience the skills for this ministry.

Catechetics 10 hours