
In their 1999 document, *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States*, the bishops of the United States remind us:

“Adult faith formation is essential to who we are and what we do as Church and must be situated not at the periphery of the Church’s educational mission but at its center.”

Jesus calls us to be disciples (“*Follow me...*”) and sends us to evangelize (“*Go...make disciples of all nations*”). As those who are both called and sent by Christ, let us re-commit ourselves to our own personal faith formation, that we may become more fervent disciples and more ardent evangelizers.

The Diocesan Institute for Catechetical and Pastoral Formation provides academic and pastoral formation for Catholics involved in service to the Church and those seeking personal enrichment. All Diocesan Institute offerings are open to any interested adults.

For information about the Diocesan Institute, obtaining catechetical certification in the Diocese of Harrisburg, or hosting a course/session at your parish or school, please contact Ryan Bolster at (717) 657-4804, ext. 225 or [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org). For a complete list of catechetical certification course requirements, visit the Diocesan Institute webpage on the diocesan website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org).
ONLINE CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

Most Basic and Advanced Catechetical Certification courses are available for viewing via pre-recorded webinar. You can register for these courses year-round and complete them at your convenience and at your own pace. Register with the attached registration form, or online at www.hbgdiocese.org.

BASIC CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

I01 Overview of Catholic Doctrine: The Creed

What does it mean to say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty…”? What is the content of the Faith that Catholics profess? This course explores in detail the core tenets of the Catholic Faith as they are expressed in the Apostles’ Creed. Topics addressed in this course include: God’s Revelation, the nature of faith and belief, the Holy Trinity, creation, the nature of man, original sin, Jesus Christ, the Incarnation and Paschal Mystery, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the four last things (death, judgment, heaven and hell).

This course will be offered again in Fall 2020.
It is currently available via pre-recorded webinar.
$25.00

I02 Introduction to Scripture

“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Saint Jerome). This course addresses: how we come to know God through His Revelation in Sacred Scripture; the story of salvation history that is woven throughout Scripture; the relationship between Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium (i.e., the teaching office of the Church); what it means to say that Scripture is both “inspired” and “inerrant”; keys to correctly approaching and interpreting Scripture; a brief overview of the individual books of both the Old and New Testaments; how to choose a Scripture translation and tips for personal Scripture study.

This course will be offered again in Fall 2020.
It is currently available via pre-recorded webinar.
$25.00

I04 Introduction to the Sacraments

Liturgy is the participation of the People of God in the work of God, and “God’s work” is nothing other than the sanctification and salvation of His children! This course explores how Jesus Christ continues the work of our redemption through the liturgy and sacraments of His Church. Topics considered are: the role of liturgy in the life of the Church and her members, the liturgical year, and how liturgy is celebrated. The seven sacraments of the Church, through which God blesses us with a share in His very life, are also explored in detail, including the minister, sign and effects/ fruits of each sacrament.

Thursdays, February 27, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2020
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg
ALSO AVAILABLE VIA LIVE WEBINAR
$25.00
I05  Introduction to Morality

“Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?” (Mt 19:16) This course explores the Catholic moral tradition and what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Topics addressed in this course include: the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God, the beatitudes, the nature of freedom and responsibility, the morality of human acts, conscience, sin, the virtues, the moral law, grace and Catholic social teaching. The course includes an in-depth consideration of the Ten Commandments.

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg
ALSO AVAILABLE VIA LIVE WEBINAR
$25.00

I07/I08  Teaching Methodology – Parts 1 and 2

This two-part course for catechists focuses on the skills and competencies necessary to effectively teach the Catholic Faith. Topics addressed in Part 1 include: personal preparation of the catechist, establishing course/lesson goals and objectives, structuring a catechetical lesson, classroom management, evaluating lessons, and teaching children with special needs. Topics addressed in Part 2 include: the vocation of the catechist, the characteristics of catechesis, teaching the language of our Faith, sharing the story of salvation history, teaching with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and issues unique to religious education.

This course is offered year-round at parishes and schools upon request.

Also available online via:
   The Catholic Education Center (https://classroom.catholiceducationcenter.com/)
   Franciscan University’s Catechetical Institute (www.franciscanathome.com)

Contact Ryan Bolster for more information about completing this course online.

I10  Introduction to the Church

What does it mean to profess belief in “one, holy catholic, and apostolic Church”? The Church in this world is the sacrament of salvation, the sign and the instrument of the communion of God and men (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 780). Topics addressed in this course include: Scriptural images of the Church, the origin, foundation, and mission of the Church in God’s plan of salvation, the Church as the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the four marks of the Church, the hierarchy, laity, and consecrated life, the communion of saints, and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Available online via:
   The Catholic Education Center (https://classroom.catholiceducationcenter.com/)
   Franciscan University’s Catechetical Institute (www.franciscanathome.com)

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I12 Introduction to Prayer

Prayer is “nothing else than an intimate friendship, a frequent heart-to-heart conversation with Him by Whom we know ourselves to be loved.” (Saint Teresa of Avila) Topics addressed in this course include: the nature of prayer, prayer in Scripture and in the life of Christ, the various forms of Christian prayer, the sources of prayer, overcoming difficulties and temptations in prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, and an in-depth consideration of the Lord’s Prayer.

Wednesdays, April 15, 22, 29, May 6, and 13, 2020
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg
ALSO AVAILABLE VIA LIVE WEBINAR
$25.00

Interested in learning more about your faith? Tune in to WHYF AM 720, Catholic Radio for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Many informational and inspirational programs are featured daily to enrich your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Live call-in programs are featured in the afternoon and early evening hours. You can also listen online at www.720whyf.com or on your smart phone with the Holy Family Radio app.

SPECIALIZED FORMATION FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

Franciscan University of Steubenville’s Catechetical Institute (www.fuwhs.edu) offers online formation workshop tracks for those serving in specific parish ministries (e.g., adult and children’s religious education, R.C.I.A., and youth ministry).

For information about pursuing diocesan catechetical certification in specific parish ministry areas via the FUS Catechetical Institute, please contact Ryan Bolster at (717) 657-4804, ext. 225 or rbolster@hbgdiocese.org.
ADVANCED CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

A01 Advanced Morality

This course critically examines recent developments in moral theology by examining the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Saint John Paul II’s encyclicals Veritatis Splendor (The Splendor of Truth) and Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth), and Pope Francis’ salient teachings. The course includes the application of moral principles to the fields of sexual ethics, medical ethics, environmental ethics, and social justice.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Morality

Available via pre-recorded webinar
$50.00

A03 Christology

Christology is the branch of theology that focuses on Jesus Christ, including the study of His Person, mission, and works. Topics addressed in this course include: the Scriptural foundations for Christology, major Christological controversies and heresies, the development of Christological approaches throughout Church history, the significance of the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery, and a consideration of Christ’s work of salvation (Soteriology). Also included are tips for teaching Christological topics in the classroom.

Available via pre-recorded webinar
$50.00

A14m Advanced Scripture: The Gospel of Mark: The Jewish Story in a Gentile Tongue

Steven Spielberg, Jerry Seinfeld, Joan Rivers, Albert Einstein among many more are famous because they interpreted the Jewish mind and experience to non-Jewish audiences. This is precisely the mission and mystery of the Gospel of Mark. Mark represents the first great missionary publication of the Gospel; ‘the Report (its Hebrew title) of Yeshua ha-Mashiach (Jesus the Messiah) the son of God’ (Mk 1:1) originally preached in popular Hebrew by Peter and translated and interpreted by Mark. Uncover the mysteries of this ancient tale from the battered lands of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, now the possession of the Catholic Church throughout the world.

Available via pre-recorded webinar
$50.00
A14o  Advanced Scripture: The Gospel of Luke

Luke was an alleged physician and companion of St. Paul and the author of one of the most elegant and unique Gospels of the four. These are the stories of the marginalized, of prayer, of women, and of mercy. In this course, we journey with Jesus through the eyes of Luke, familiarizing ourselves with the author of Luke’s gospel, his audience, his message and the Person of Christ through a faithful analysis of the text, with references to the teaching of the Church. Participants in this course should read the Gospel of Luke beforehand and should have a Bible (preferably RSV or NAB).

Available via pre-recorded webinar
$50.00

A14p  Advanced Scripture: Survey of the Old Testament

This course is meant to familiarize participants with the Old Testament. We start with a presentation of some helpful Church documents as well as Near Eastern history and geography. Then we examine the entire Old Testament – the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. We also explore some highlights of Israel’s religious life, including the Covenant, the Priesthood, and the Temple. We conclude with a short study of the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament.

Available via pre-recorded webinar
$50.00

A15  Introduction to Christian Spirituality

When asked about their religious practices, many Americans answer, “I’m not really religious, but I am spiritual.” What does this response mean — are “religion” and “spirituality” somehow opposed to one another? This course explores the question by defining authentic Christian spirituality and its origins in Scripture, Church Tradition, and the lives of the saints. It also explores several spiritual traditions within the Church, addresses why every person in the pew should cultivate a rich spiritual life, and offers practical ways of deepening our relationship with Christ.

Available via pre-recorded webinar
$50.00
E267        The Dignity and Vocation of Women

The dignity and vocation of women has long been a subject of Christian reflection, and especially since
the pontificate of Saint John Paul II. This session addresses not only John Paul the Great’s Apostolic
Letter, *Mulieris Dignitatem*, but also his letter to women throughout the world. It explores the
importance of the “feminine genius” and how “the moral and strength of a woman is joined to her
awareness that God entrusts the human being to her in a special way.”

**One 2-hour session**
$10.00

E287        Exploring the Riches of Saint John Paul II’s Writings

Each presentation in this six-part series focuses on a prominent theme found in Saint John Paul II’s
writings and provides an overview of several key documents which address that theme. Each
presentation is “stand-alone” - you may register for one, several, or all six of them.

- Session 1: The Trinity—Relationship of Love
- Session 2: Eucharistic Amazement in the Life of the Church
- Session 3: Faith Engaging Culture and Society
- Session 4: The Holy Family
- Session 5: Living a Life Dedicated to Service of the Church
- Session 6: The Church is the Bride of Christ

**Six 1-1.5 hour sessions**
$10.00 per session, or $50.00 for all six sessions

Please clearly indicate on your registration form which session(s) you wish to view.

E289        Introduction to Christian Anthropology

*Have you ever wondered about God:* why He created the world, and you? *How about Jesus:* Does He know
who you are...and does He care? These are the questions we all have about where we fit into God’s design.
In this course we examine these questions and learn about why, and how, God wants to be in a relationship
with us. *What is Christian Anthropology anyway?* Anthropology is the study of the human person—and it’s
Christian because it is Christ who teaches us who we are as persons—and how much God loves each one
of us! The course provides a great foundation for those who are interested in understanding Saint John Paul
II’s theology of the body.

**Four 2-hour sessions**
$25.00
ADDITIONAL FAITH FORMATION RESOURCES

LOOKING FOR MORE?

Thanks to a growing number of producers of excellent Catholic faith formation materials, there is an abundance of resources available for individuals, small groups, large groups, parishes and schools. Many of these materials are available for online access. Listed below are just several recommended sources for adult faith formation.

Those who are pursuing catechetical certification in the Diocese of Harrisburg can earn certification credit using materials available via the sources listed below. Contact Ryan Bolster (rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) for more information.

“The Augustine Institute exists to help you and your loved ones better understand, live and share your faith. We create innovative and engaging materials that help all Catholics deepen their relationship with God and His Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From FORMED.org (the Catholic content platform) to our children’s content, books, curriculum, parish programs, bible studies, and graduate school we are here to support you at every level of your faith journey.” To learn more about the Augustine Institute and FORMED, visit www.augustineinstitute.org.

“Ascension is the world leader in the creation and distribution of Faith Formation programs….Our Mission is to present the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith as the path to a fulfilled life and authentic happiness. We share valuable resources, create powerful media, and build communities to answer the longings of the human heart with the transformative power of the Gospel.” (www.ascensionpress.com) To learn more, visit www.ascensionpress.com.

The Catholic Education Center, LLC, (www.CatholicEducationCenter.com) provides entirely online courses that offer:

- Faith formation for catechists and other adults
- Courses for both content and methodology
- Continuous enrollment and self-paced courses
- Readable (and printable) lessons that catechists can take on the go and use in the classroom
- Online quizzes designed for self-evaluation with immediate feedback (transcripts provided)
- Classroom applications and faith-sharing forums
- Faithful Catholic formation that is affordable

Additionally, all of the Diocese of Harrisburg’s required courses for Basic Catechetical Certification can be completed online via the Catholic Education Center. For more information, contact Ryan Bolster at rbolster@hbgdiocese.org.
The Catholic Distance University has been a pioneer since 1983 using flexible, convenient distance technologies to bring high quality educational programs to each learner. CDU offers affordable online theology courses and seminars (both for credit and for audit) for those who are interested in learning more about the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith. For more information, visit www.cdu.edu.

“The Institute of Catholic Culture is an adult catechetical organization, faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and dedicated to the Church’s call for a new evangelization. The Institute seeks to fulfill its mission by offering educational programs structured upon the classical liberal arts and by offering opportunities in which authentic Catholic culture is experienced and lived.” (www.instituteofcatholicculture.org)

Membership in the ICC is free and gives users access to live webinars, as well as more than 800 hours of on-demand audio and video presentations on a wide variety of topics. Discussion/study questions for presentations are also available, making this online faith formation ideal for both individuals and small groups.

My Catholic Faith Delivered offers interactive online faith formation, including high-quality, engaging lessons from renowned authors, apostolates, and diocesan partners.

Combining Catholic content with innovative technology, My Catholic Faith Delivered provides a self-paced system that makes learning convenient. Users learn more about the Faith with in-depth video tutorials and interactive activities, as well as assessments that give real-time feedback. To learn more, visit www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com.

“Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Bishop Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into—or back to—the Catholic faith.”

“Word on Fire…proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life…it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition—art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints—in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.”

“Word on Fire Catholic Ministries exists to draw people into the body of Christ, which is the Church, and thereby give them access to all the gifts that Jesus wants his people to enjoy. To be most effective in this mission, Word on Fire places an emphasis and urgency on the use of contemporary forms of media and innovative communication technologies.” (www.wordonfire.org)
**Unique Online Formation Is Available Now At…**

www.FranciscanAtHome.com

We are so grateful that your diocese has chosen to partner with us to receive authentically Catholic resources that help to form those within your parish or your school who are forming others.

**Completely Accessible**
The catechists, RCIA teams, parish catechetical leaders, school teachers, and parents will have unlimited access to these unique online workshops in the comfort of their own homes.

**Generously Affordable**
Your parish or school’s $500 annual subscription gives unlimited access to all the individuals who sign up under your parish or school at no additional cost to them.

**Deeply Diverse**
Hundreds of workshops in all ministry fields are being developed for this platform, to allow a diocese to thoroughly train and spiritually nurture any person involved in passing on the faith.

**Super Flexible**
You can use this growing collection of formation workshops in many ways:

- As part of a ministry certification process
- As ongoing formation or continuing education
- As enrichment for any role of passing on the faith to others, especially volunteers
- As a substantive and engaging means to help parents grow in their vocation
- As in-depth content for group discussions
- As a means to develop parish evangelization, social outreach, and RCIA teams

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**Designed to complement and supplement diocesan formation already in place, these workshops are making the best of Franciscan University available to dioceses everywhere!**

For more information, contact Ryan Bolster 717-657-4804 x225 or rbolster@hbgdiocese.org

All the workshops are available to every person in your parish or school, at no cost to them!

- Feel free to take a look at a [sample workshop](#).
- View the [workshop tracks](#) in development.
- [Get answers](#) to lots of questions we get asked.

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**Catechetical Institute**
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**Forming those who form others**
How to onboard your parish or school...

To sign up a parish or school, the person registering that institution (a pastor, principal, parish catechetical leader, etc.) should go to https://franciscanathome.com/harrisburg where you will find a welcome message from your diocese.

Below the welcome message, on the right side of the page, there are two large blue buttons underneath the words “Register Online.” Click on the second blue button that says:

Clicking on the blue button takes you to a page that asks you to fill in registration information to create a new account (or to log in if you have an existing account). Once you register or log in, you will then be asked to select your diocese’s name. After choosing your diocese’s name, you will then be prompted to fill in your institution’s information. At the bottom of that page, there is a blue button that says:

Continue to payment options

That button will take you to a page that allows the institution two options for payment of the $300 cost: by credit card or by check (invoice). If an institution chooses to pay by credit card, the process can be completed online during the registration process. If an institution prefers to pay by check, please select that option, and an invoice will be sent to you both on the screen and by email. This option still completes the online registration process but includes an additional step of mailing in the $300 check. Once either of these two payment options is selected, the process is completed, and individual members of the parish or institution can register for free!

How individuals can register for free...
(once their parish or school is onboarded)

Individuals have free entry onto the learning platform once their parish or school has registered in our system. Once their institution has subscribed, they can then go to the following link: https://franciscanathome.com/harrisburg
On the right of this web page is a large blue button that says:

By clicking on this button, they are taken to a page that asks them to fill in registration information to create a new account.
Once they have completed the registration, they are then taken to a page that asks for the name of their diocese.

In the first drop-down box, individuals will choose the name of their diocese. Once they choose the name of their diocese, the name of their parish or school will appear in the second drop-down box (as long as their parish or school has registered already). Once they have selected their parish or school, they have access to all the workshops for free!
2020 WINTER/SPRING DIOCESAN INSTITUTE REGISTRATION FORM

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- REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF COURSE FEE(S)

If you wish to register within one week of a course start date, please call (717) 657-4804, ext. 229
to confirm the status of the course before submitting registration and payment.

For payment via Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services (HCAS),
email the completed registration form as an attachment to jwaldeck@hbgdiocese.org, or mail to:

Diocese of Harrisburg
Diocesan Institute—Secretariat for Education
4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

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