



AQUINAS CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE
St. Peter Catholic School
Monument, Colorado
September 2 & 3, 2014

Introductory Level

(First year teachers and those new to the diocese or those who have not completed PROVISIONAL certification)

Liturgy & Sacraments- Fr. Don Dilg - Tuesday, September 2nd

By reflecting on Scripture, official teaching, rites, and our own experience, this course will look at the prayer of the Church. What type of need is met here? How does this relate to our personal prayer? How does this prayer form us as catechists? These are some of the questions this course will explore.

Prayer & Spirituality- John Kraus - Wednesday, September 3rd

This introductory course on Catholic prayer and spirituality begins with an understanding of Christian Anthropology and leads participants through a survey of distinctively Catholic prayer forms. Through the course, participants will know what distinguishes Catholic prayer and spirituality, will survey charisms of religious orders and saints, will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours and other prayer forms, and will share in how prayer is developed in Catholic schools.

(Second year teachers or those who took classes [listed above] last year presented by Fr. Don Dilg and John Kraus)

Overview of Church History (Year Two Teachers) – August 6, 2013- 9:00-3:00

Instructor and location TBD

The course will begin by discussing the importance of Church History, highlight the major historical events and end with a discussion of how history can inform the current challenges facing the Church in the 21st century.

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church- (Year Two Teachers) - Fr. Jim Baron

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is one of the greatest gifts to the world in recent years. With great clarity it expounds on the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith in an immediate and accessible way. More than that, it tracks a narrative of God's plan of perfect love for his people over time. In this class an introductory overview of the *Catechism* will be given specifically highlighting certain themes in each of its four pillars: the Creed, the Sacraments, Christian Morality, and Christian Prayer. The foundation of the *Catechism* is rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition. Therefore, when applicable, the class will also pay special attention to how the *Catechism* leans upon this Sacred Deposit in matters of faith and morals.

Advanced Level

(For those who are working on BASIC/ ADVANCED/MASTER CATECHIST certification)

Creed

Grace - Fr. Larry Brennan

“By the grace of God I....” Do we as Catholics really understand *Grace*?

Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life. This course will be a review of Catechism materials on anthropology (CCC, nn. 355-384); sin (CCC, nn. 385-421; 1846-76); justification and grace (CCC, nn. 1987-2029; 1261-74; 1468-70); indulgences (CCC, nn. 1471-79); and the virtues (CCC, nn. 1803-45).

Morality

The Roots of Pro-Life - Fr. Bill Carmody

This course will discuss the roots of the problem with pro-life, namely contraception. The teachings and writings of the prophet sent to us to get us out of the contraception desert, John Paul II, will be explored and his solution, Theology of the Body, will be introduced.

Social Justice- Fr. Joe Dygert and Fr. Kyle Ingels

Christ “fully reveals man to himself.” We come to know what a human being *is* through knowing Him. The Church therefore has much to say that is relevant to the just and happy ordering of society. This course will give an overview of the relevant history surrounding the development of Catholic social teaching. It will identify and explain ten basic principles of this teaching, grounded in the intrinsic dignity of the human person. Finally, it will apply these principles to particular issues and questions, including necessary aspects of the structuring of a just economy, and why the dichotomy sometimes created between being a ‘social justice Catholic’ and a ‘pro-life Catholic’ is hogwash.

Catechetics

The Presence of Foreign Cultures in the Local Church: Evangelization, Catechesis and the Implication for Sound Pastoral Care - Fr. Quezada

Given the humbling presence of settled and newly arriving immigrants into our diocesan family, pastoral agents are presented with new challenges and opportunities for catechesis. This course will study approaches to understanding culture and the challenges that surface as well as solutions for parishes, schools and their faith journeys.

Prayer & Spirituality

Prayer is a Two-Way Street – Bishop Hanifen & Frannie Rose

This class will involve a guided discussion on the nature of prayer as a way of listening for God’s voice in our lives. The hunger for a deeper spiritual life increases in adults and can be fostered in younger hearts as well. The use of daily journaling can open our lives to active listening for God through the events of our lives and the prayer experience as well. There will be provided opportunities for journaling, prayer, and reflection on our own spiritual hunger for growth.

Scripture

An Introduction to Sacred Scripture - Fr. John Toepfer

This course will begin by examining the teaching of the Catholic Church concerning Divine Revelation and how we encounter Christ in the pages of Sacred Scripture. We will explore how the Scriptures came to be, their purpose in the liturgical life of the church and the basic principles for interpreting Sacred Scripture. We will pay attention to various forms of literature which comprise the Bible, as well as to the basic theme of Covenant and how God's love for us is revealed through his Word, Jesus Christ.

Sacraments and Liturgy

Sacramental Theology - Bishop Sheridan

This course will explore theological principles applicable to all the sacraments of the Church. These include: Christ as the sacrament of God; the Church as sacrament; sacraments as acts of the Church; the effects of sacraments.

Church History

Saints and Sinners! - Father Brian Roeseler

This course will teach church history and the saints and sinners that shaped the Church. Learn how both sinful and holy men and women along with the popes not only shaped the church of today but also the western world. By the love of the Holy Spirit even the most sinful of the Church's members could not destroy the Church, for saintly people always arose to keep the Church on track.

Creed

The New Evangelization – Joan Weber

This workshop will help leaders:

- ▶ Understand ways to listen to, communicate, and inspire the current generation of adolescents within the New Evangelization.
- ▶ Explore practical ways to evangelize youth to serve as witnesses and leaders for the New Evangelization.
- ▶ Equip families to reach out to youth and other families who are away from Church practice.