



AQUINAS CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE
St. Peter Catholic School
Monument, Colorado
September 5 & 6, 2017

Introductory Level

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

Liturgy & Sacraments- Fr. Don Dilg (Sept. 5, 2017) **Day 1**

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 (Sept. 6, 2017) **Day 2**

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) – Aug. 8, 2017- 9:00-3:00

Sheryl Ortiz and Rebecca Wilson – St. Paul Parish Center

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) – Margit McCarthy (Sept. 5 & 6, 2017)

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

Eschatology (End of Time) / Angels

Eschatology (End of Time) – Dr. Ben Akers (Sept. 5, 2017) Day 1

What happens when you die? Eschatology refers to the area of Christian faith which is concerned about our human destiny and the coming of Jesus on the last day: death, judgment, heaven, hell, purgatory, resurrection of the body, and the new heavens and the new earth—all of which are contained in the final articles of the Creed.

Angels – Sr. Ann Cassidy FMA (Sept. 6, 2017) Day 2

The fact that angels exist is a doctrine of our Faith. Yet, how much do we really know about them? Using Church teachings, Scriptural references, and the teachings of saints, this class will sift through the myths, pop-culture beliefs, half-truths and actual facts. We will look at the nature, role and duties, classifications in choirs, and appearances and manifestations as recorded in the Bible and experienced by various saints.

The Trinity – Fr. Nathaniel Hinds (Sept. 5 & 6, 2017)

“God is love.” We can hardly imagine a more inviting truth. “God is a Trinity” does not have the same effect. Yet, when we understand the doctrine more fully, the Trinity becomes the most captivating of all teachings.

Morality

Social Justice- Fr. Kyle Ingels (Sept. 5, 2017) Day 1 and Michelle Maher-Lyons (Sept. 6, 2017) Day 2

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.

Prayer & Spirituality

Being Formed by The Lord’s Prayer / FORMED to Become Christ’s Disciples

Being Formed by The Lord’s Prayer – Dr. Scott Hefelfinger (Sept. 5, 2017) Day 1

The Catholic tradition has long seen the Our Father as the Christ’s deliberate instruction on how to pray and how to let prayer shape our Christian lives. In this course, we will take a deeper look at a very familiar prayer, seeing how its petitions form our own prayer and spirituality.

FORMED to Become Christ's Disciples – Marjie Weldele (Sept. 6, 2017) Day 2

This class will look at the Catechism's call of prayer to 'walk with God' and the variety ways and resources we can do that in our daily lives. We will delve into the Old Testament and New Testament models of prayer as described in catechism and discuss how those are relevant and lived in our lives today. We will collaborate and share to build a robust collection of ways to 'walk with God' and to be His disciples in not only our classrooms but in our everyday encounters. One of the resources we will explore is FORMED. This is a rich opportunity for personal and group inspiration, catechesis, apologetics, and much more.

Scripture

The Gospel of St. Luke: Proclaiming a Merciful Savior in Luke - Acts - Fr. John Toepfer (Sept. 5 & 6, 2017)

We will examine Luke's portrayal of Christ as continuing the work of salvation begun by God in establishing a covenant with his people in the days of Abraham and Moses. Luke's portrait of Jesus will highlight his relationship with his heavenly Father, the content of Jesus' preaching and his ministry of healing and forgiveness, as well as Jesus' relationship with his disciples and how they are called to join in his mission. We will emphasize what is unique to Luke's message and the themes that are most important to this Evangelist.

Sacraments and Liturgy

What Was Visible in our Savior has Passed Over into His Mysteries/ The Old is Fulfilled in the New

What Was Visible in our Savior has Passed Over into His Mysteries – Dr. John Sehorn (Sept. 5, 2017) Day 1

Christian Worship according to Pope St. Leo the Great | This class takes as its starting point the teaching of Pope St. Leo the Great on the place of liturgical worship in Christian life. What is the purpose of worship? What happens in the liturgy? How does it relate to the message of the Gospel? How can it change believers' way of life?

The Old is Fulfilled in the New – Rev. Erin Kochivar (Sept. 6, 2017) Day 2

In the Old Testament God prepared his people for his greatest gift, his Son, and we are now invited to receive this gift in the celebration of the Mass. In this class we will explore the Old Testament passages which are fulfilled in the Eucharist and see how Sacred Scripture points us towards and urges us to live this mystery in the celebration of the Mass.

Church History

The Theology of the Church – Bishop Sheridan (Sept. 5 & 6, 2017)

This course will discuss Images of the Church; Hierarchical Structures of the Church; the Call to Holiness; and Mary in the Church.

The Six Ages of the Church seen through the Eyes of the Saints/ Church Art and Architecture

The Six Ages of the Church seen through the Eyes of the Saints – Dr. Christopher Blum (Sept. 5, 2017) Day 1

This class will highlight significant saints in the Church's rich history to understand how we can be faithful disciples of Jesus today. As Pope Benedict XVI remarked, the "whole of the Church's history is marked by these men and women who with their faith, with their charity, and with their life have been beacons for so many generations, as they are for us too."

Church Art and Architecture – Reverend Gregory Golyzniak (Sept. 6, 2017) **Day 2**

This course will be based on Pope Benedict's XVI Opera Omnia document on liturgy, in particular the focus on the importance of the liturgy and the proper place for worship. The history of the arts in church, especially in Europe, and the symbolism of church art and styles will be also be discussed.

Catechesis

The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis – Sr. Mary Greenan FMA (Sept. 5 & 6, 2017)

Every educator within a Catholic School is, by vocation, tasked with accompanying the young on their journey of faith. This task challenges us, as educators of the young, to grow in our own awareness of what characterizes the faith journey of the adolescent. The newly published document "The Joy of Adolescent Catechesis" will inform the content of this course. The evangelical model of beginning with where the young are and walking with them in an "Emmaus type" relational dynamic will be processed and participants encouraged to examine their ministry in the light of this dynamic. The goal of sharing the joy of the good news of Jesus Christ with the young will be encouraged, affirmed, and enriched for those attending. In this way it is hoped that all will be inspired to reflect on how they might become involved in creating new patterns of ministry to and with young people.

"tradition" of the Catholic Church – Sam Kaufman (Sept. 5 & 6, 2017)

This course will discuss some of the 'traditions' of the Catholic Church with regard to music, scripture, environment, seasons, etc.