

 Light of Truth

CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

Equipping you to transmit the Catholic Faith



ACCESSIBLE. RELEVANT. COMPREHENSIVE.



Sr Hyacinthe, O.P.
Course Director

New **Certificate in Catechesis:**

- Online 2-year course.
- Designed and delivered by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and lay experts.
- Approved by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.*
- For Catechists and all adults who want to pass on the Catholic faith to others.

This course will help you to:

- Grow in your own faith as a **WITNESS** to Christ.
- Deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith as a **TEACHER**.
- Learn to journey with others as an **ACCOMPANIER** in faith.

“ This course has profoundly affected my faith and hope. The inevitable conclusion is being able to share the good news in, through and with love.

Bernadette H. ”

*Approved by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the formation process of those who will be instituted as catechists under the authority of their diocesan Bishop.

ACCESSIBLE

- Live content delivered online.
- Weekly sessions recorded and accessible later.
- Presentations, notes and resources are made available.
- Personal tutorials available as required to all students.
- 2 in-person days per year.

The teaching is delivered by the Dominican Sisters and guest speakers, all qualified experts in their field and experienced catechists.

The learning takes place in a community of faith, hosted by the Dominican Sisters in a friendly setting. This allows the beauty of the Church to be experienced in all her rich diversity, where each one is welcomed in the name of Christ and in the love of the Holy Spirit. 2 in-person days are offered every year: a formation day and a retreat day. These help to build up the students' community and encourage growth of their own spirituality and catechetical skills.



The course is extremely well delivered and very accessible, with great insights into our Faith. I highly recommend for anybody involved in catechesis, no matter what their level of experience.

Peter R.

RELEVANT



My own formation is being enhanced and it's giving me confidence that I can undertake my role as a Parish catechist with a firm foundation.

Sid W.



- Practical catechetical implications are highlighted in each session.
- 4 elective modules focus on catechetical accompaniment as outlined in the 2020 *Directory for Catechesis*.
- The student's learning is assessed for each module through a 10-minute conversation with a tutor.

This builds confidence and skill in being a witness to faith, a teacher of faith, and an accompanier of others in their journey of faith.

COMPREHENSIVE

- 8 modules of comprehensive formation for all forms of catechesis.
- 9 live sessions per module.
- Modules 7 and 8 offer a choice of 2 electives relevant to specific types of catechesis.

In its 8 modules, the Certificate covers the foundational truths of the Catholic Faith and how to transmit them in catechesis.

It follows the structure of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in its 4 dimensions: doctrinal, liturgical, moral, and spiritual.

The Certificate aims to equip new and experienced catechists to be teachers of the faith (Modules 1-4), witnesses of faith (Modules 5-6), and accompaniers in faith (Modules 7-8).



There are comprehensive and creative presentation slides every session as well as a summary of the weekly content.

Trisha & Peter T.



YEAR 1:

Module 1: Introduction to Catechesis (September – November)

Evangelisation & Catechesis	Transmission of Faith	Introduction to the Catechism (CCC)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Catechesis? 2. Vocation of the Catechist 3. History of Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. What is Faith? 5. Fides qua & Fides quae 6. Faith transmission in the Church 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The 4 parts of the CCC 8. Find your way in the CCC 9. Using the CCC in Catechesis

Module 2: Teaching the Word of God (November - February)

Revelation: <i>Dei Verbum</i>	Knowing the Scriptures	Teaching from the Scriptures
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tradition & Scripture 2. Authorship & Canonicity 3. Centrality of Scripture in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Unity of Scripture in Christ 5. Survey of Old Testament 6. Survey of New Testament 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. 4 Senses of Scripture 8. Scriptural Catechesis (1) 9. Scriptural Catechesis (2)

Module 3 – Teaching God (February – April)

God and Creation	The Incarnation	The Paschal Mystery
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God, One and Three 2. God & Creation 3. God proclaimed in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mystery of the Incarnation 5. Son of God & Son of Mary 6. The Incarnation proclaimed in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Redemption 8. Sacrifice, Death, Resurrection, & Salvation 9. The Paschal Mystery proclaimed in Catechesis

Module 4 – Teaching the Church (April-June)

Work of the Holy Spirit	Sacraments of Initiation	Sacraments of Healing & Service
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Holy Spirit 2. The Church, Divine & Human 3. The Church proclaimed in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Baptism 5. Confirmation 6. Eucharist 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Penance 8. Sacrament of the Sick & Holy Orders 9. Marriage

YEAR 2:

Module 5 – Witness of Life (September – November)

The Human Person	The Wound of Sin	The Grace of Christ
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Image of God 2. In Relation to God, Others, & Creation 3. The Dignity of the Human Person in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Sin as Rejection of God 5. Sin as Rejection of Others & Self 6. Explaining Sin & Mercy in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. What is Grace? 8. Virtues, Gifts, Fruits, Beatitudes 9. Grace proclaimed in Catechesis

Module 6 – Witness of Prayer (November - February)

The Prayer of Jesus	The Prayer of the Church	The Prayer of the Saints
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Prayer? 2. The Our Father 3. The Integration of Prayer in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. What is the Liturgy? 5. Liturgy and Eschatology 6. The Integration of the Liturgy in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Mary, Model and Teacher of Prayer 8. Schools of Spirituality 9. Devotions and Catechesis

Module 7a – Principles of Accompaniment (February – April) Catechesis for Mission

Missionary Catechesis	Catechesis & the Saints	Catechesis, Art, and Culture
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catechesis in non-Christian Cultures 2. Kerygmatic & Sacramental Catechesis 3. Catechesis in Context: Content & Experience 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. God's Grace revealed in the Saints 5. The Saints as Catechists 6. Integrating the Saints' Lives in Catechesis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The Way of Beauty: Sacred Art & Catechesis 8. Cultural Expressions of Faith & Catechesis 9. Integrating Art & Culture in Catechesis

Module 7b – Principles of Accompaniment (February – April) The Art of Communication

Principles of Communication	Introduction to Apologetics	Principles of Accompaniment
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Essential Rules of Communication 2. Oral Communication 3. Written & Digital Communication 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Faith & Science 5. Anthropology & Sexuality 6. The Necessity & Authority of the Church 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. What is Accompaniment? 8. Accompaniment in Parish & Family Catechesis 9. Co-operating with Grace: the Theological Life-Journey

**Module 8a – Accompaniment in Action (April-June)
Catechesis for Adults**

Journey of Faith / RCIA	Catechesis for Parents	Catechesis in Suffering
1. Scriptural Models of Adult Faith Journey 2. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) 3. The RCIA in Practice	4. The Family as Domestic Church 5. Principles for Family Catechesis 6. Family Catechesis in Practice	7. Suffering & Faith 8. Accompaniment in Illness, Death, & Bereavement 9. Transmitting Hope in Catechesis

**Module 8b – Accompaniment in Action (April-June)
Catechesis for Children and Youth**

Catechising Children	Catechising Young People	Catechising Persons with Additional Needs
1. The Child's Spiritual & Psychological Growth 2. Pedagogical Model: <i>Come follow me</i> 3. Catechetical Resources for Children	4. Transmitting Faith to Young People: Principles 5. Transmitting Faith to Young People: Practice 6. Catechetical Resources for Young People	7. Theological Anthropology & Canon Law 8. Catechesis for Additional Needs in Practice 9. Recommended Resources & Help

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