



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

Doorways TO FORMATION IN THE FAITH

THE CREED

Course Description

This course presents a theological foundation in the doctrine of the faith. Participants will deepen their knowledge of the basic beliefs stated in the Creed. Integral to each session is prayer, course content, faith sharing, and large/small group discussion so that participants can apply the teachings to their life and ministry.

Course Expectations

Attendance at five of the six sessions is required to receive a Certificate of Completion.

Read assigned and related materials prior to class.

Participate in class discussions.

Maintain a Course Journal/Notebook.

Complete and return the Course Evaluation.

Course Materials

Required Text

English

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA), United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., 2006.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm>

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.) (CCC), United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., 2016.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/index.cfm> or <http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/INDEX.HTM>

Spanish

Catecismo Católico de los Estados Unidos para los Adultos (USCCA), Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, Washington, D.C., 2006.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm>

Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (2nd ed.) (CCC), Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, Washington, D.C., 2016.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/index.cfm> or http://www.vatican.va/archive/catechism_sp/index_sp.html

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Course Structure and Highlights

Session 1/Week 1: Introduction

Topics:

Basic Introduction to Creed Course:

Video presentation: <http://bcove.me/1s6h6uew>

Introduction to the Catechism

Our Capacity for God – God’s Quest for Us

Desire for God

Revelation of God

Reading Assignment:

USCCA Chapters 1 & 2

CCC 26-73

Session 2/Week 2: God’s Call and Our Response

Topics:

Faith

Profession of Faith: Our response to God’s Call

Handing on the Faith

Challenges to Faith

Reading Assignment:

USCCA Chapters 3 & 4

CCC 74-197

Session 3/Week 3: Belief in God & Turning Away

Topics:

God as Holy Mystery

The Trinity

God as Creator

Man and Woman in the Beginning

Original Sin

Reading Assignment:

USCCA Chapters 5 & 6

CCC 198-421

Session 4/Week 4: God Sent His Son to Save Us and to Remain with Us in His Spirit

Topics:

Gospel Portraits of Jesus

True God and True Man

Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension

The Holy Spirit

Reading Assignment:

USCCA Chapters 7, 8 & 9

CCC 422-747

Session 5/Week 5: The Church: Images, Marks and the Structure of the Visible Church

Topics:

Names and Images of the Church
Four Marks of the Church
Communion of Saints

Reading Assignment:

USCCA Chapters 10 & 11
CCC 748-962

Session 6/Week 6: Mary- Mother of God & the Church, Eschatological Icon and Our Eternal Destiny

Topics:

Images of Mary
Maternal Intercession
God's Mercy
Our Eternal Destiny
"Amen"

Reading Assignment:

USCCA Chapters 12 & 13;
CCC 487-511; 668-682, 962-1065