

SESSION 10 – EUCHARIST & 1st COMMUNION

The catechist will be able to:

- have an increased knowledge of the rite of the Mass
- grow in understanding of the theology of the Eucharist
- reflect on best practice in First Communion catechetical preparation

SESSION 11 – CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

The catechist will be able to:

- know the church’s teaching on CLOW
- understand how to apply the principles of good liturgy when working with children
- reflect on the range of resources and how to plan a session

SESSION 12 – CONFIRMATION & CATECHESIS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The catechist will be able to:

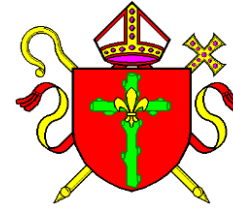
- know something of the cultural context young people inhabit and the challenges and opportunities of catechetical work
- understand more of the rite and theology of confirmation
- be aware of different resources available for catechetical work with young people

RETREAT DAY ON PRAYER & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The catechist will be able to:

- understand the forms and purpose of Christian prayer
- be aware of prayer resources for catechists
- reflect on our own prayer life and how we can nourish our call as catechists

Diocese of Nottingham



BISHOP’S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

PURPOSE & AIMS

The purpose of the Bishop’s Certificate in Catechesis is to support and enable the catechists in the Diocese of Nottingham to pass on the Catholic faith with effectiveness and confidence by providing appropriate training and formation opportunities.

This to be achieved by providing a foundation course for catechists called the ‘Bishops Certificate in Catechesis’ which aims to cover: the essential fundamentals of the faith; basics skills for catechists and also nurtures spiritual formation.

This is a twenty-four hour course divided into twelve sessions followed by a commissioning service by the Bishop. Each session is two hours has input about a main topic and opening prayers with a Bible focus. It costs £100 and aims to be delivered as locally as possible.

THE SESSIONS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

SESSION 1 – WHAT IS CATECHESIS?

The catechist will be able to:

- understand the nature of catechesis and its importance for Christian faith and life and its role in the parish
- reflect on evangelisation as the essential mission of the church, and the part catechesis plays in evangelisation

SESSION 2 – WHO IS THE CATECHIST?

The catechist will be able to:

- know what it means to be a catechist
- understand something of the stages of faith development
- reflect on some key skills (listening skills/learning styles)

SESSION 3 – SCRIPTURE AND CATECHESIS

The catechist will be able to:

- have a basic knowledge of the Bible and its role in catechesis
- understand the pattern of the lectionary and the shape of the liturgy of the word
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SESSION 4 – FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH 1 (Jesus & The Trinity)

The catechist will be able to:

- know the essentials of the Christian faith by unpacking the creed – in particular focussing on the Trinity
- understand who Jesus is

SESSION 5 – FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH 2 (The Church, Mary)

The catechist will be able to:

- understand the community of faith , the church, its roles and ministries
- understand the particular role of Mary
- reflect on what it means to be a welcoming church

SESSION 6 – LIVING THE FAITH

The catechist will be able to:

- make connections between what we believe and how we live and the importance of personal morality
- reflect on the implications of Catholic Social teaching

SESSION 7 – SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY

The catechist will be able to:

- know what a sacrament is and the centrality of the paschal mystery
- reflect on principles of liturgy, and the links with catechesis

SESSION 8 – RCIA

The catechist will be able to:

- understand the RCIA process and how it is a model for sacramental catechesis
- be aware of the different resources available for RCIA catechists
- plan an RCIA session

SESSION 9 – BAPTISM

The catechist will be able to:

- know something of the rite and theology of baptism
- be aware of resources for baptism preparation and essential elements of a good programme
- reflect on pastoral and catechetical issues of baptism