

## Overview

Designed for deacons, lay ministers and volunteers who will be involved in planning and implementing faith formation for all ages and anyone interested in learning more about emerging models of catechesis. The course will provide a survey of emerging models and approaches to faith formation. The reading assignments and presentations will point to texts, journals, web sites and parishes that provide and practice the models described. The course will encourage conversation and mutual learning about all approaches to parish faith formation across the life span with the goal of assisting all who bear this responsibility.

## Weekly Module Plan

Module	Reading	Journal	Forum
Module 1	All Previous Links including the Introduction and Key Points <i>The Mystery We Proclaim</i> , Part I - Chapters 1 and 2 Read <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Chapters 1 through 4	In the M1 journal please introduce yourself and your experiences of Catechesis.	Participate in the Required Chat Session and Conference Call
Module 2	Read all Previous assignments, including Introduction and Key Points Letters of Paul if you have time <i>The Mystery We Proclaim</i> , Part II - Chapters 1, 2, and 3 <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part I - Chapters 5, 6, and 7 <i>Adult Catechesis in the Christian Community</i> from <a href="http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccclergy/documents/rc_con_ccclergy_doc_14041990_acat_en.html">http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccclergy/documents/rc_con_ccclergy_doc_14041990_acat_en.html</a>		Please discuss with your classmates the changes that you may have witnessed or experienced in the constantly evolving methods Catechesis.
Module 3	Read Gospel of John Read <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part I, Chapters 8, 9, 10	Catechesis entails both the learning and faith development. In the M3 journal write a journal entry on your intellectual and spiritual growth.	
Module 4	Read <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part II, Chapters 1, 2 and 3 The Didache from <a href="http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/didache-roberts.html">http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/didache-roberts.html</a>		Adults and older children who seek entrance into the faith do so through a process. Discuss with your classmates your

	St. Paul's letter		understanding of this process.
Module 5	<i>The Mystery We Proclaim</i> , Part III – Chapter 1 Read <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part II, Chapter 4, 5, and 6	The early church attempted to establish a method for teaching the faith. In the M5 journal describe your thoughts on where the church was and where it is today.	Participate in the second Conference Call and Chat session.
Module 6	<i>The Mystery We Proclaim</i> , Part IV – Chapters 1 and 2 <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part II – Chapters 7, 8, 9, and 10		The early church attempted to establish a method for teaching the faith. Discuss with your classmates your thoughts on where the church was and where it is today.
Module 7	Read <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part III, Chapters 1 and 2	The Protestants added a new dimension to Catechesis; in this module we will explore their contribution to teaching the faith. In your journal identify these contributions to teaching the faith.	
Module 8	<i>The Mystery We Proclaim</i> , Part V - Chapters 1, 2, and 3 <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part III – Chapters 3 and 4		Share with your classmates what in the lives and experiences of the Catechists you have researched really spoke to you and your faith life
Module 9	Read <i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part III - Chapters 5 and 6	Reflect on the transitions made in catechesis from the Reformation to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council and discuss these in your journal.	
Module 10	<i>Catholic Christianity</i> , Part III, Chapters 7 and 8 <i>Historical Models of Catechesis</i>		Post thoughts on the appropriate balance between Christian Religious Education and Roman Catholic Religious Education

Module 11	<p><i>Catholic Christianity</i>, Part III, Chapters 9, 10 and 11  <i>Catechesi Tradendae</i> available online from  <a href="http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_16101979_catechesi-tradendae_en.html">http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_16101979_catechesi-tradendae_en.html</a>  Read: “<i>Christ and Culture</i>”  Angus J. L. Menuge in PDF</p>	The past, present and future hope the keys to catechesis; consider the selected questions and post in your journal	Participate in the third Conference call and chat session.
Module 12	Read the Letters of James		Catholic Christianity incorporates not only faith and belief by also the impact of society. Respond to the following questions in discussion with your classmates.

**Texts for PA631DE: Principles of Catechesis:**

*The Mystery We Proclaim: Catechesis in the Third Millennium*  
Francis D. Kelly, ISBN: 0-87973-597-X  
Our Sunday Visitor (2nd Edition) 1999  
Price \$25.00 Available from Amazon and others

*Catholic Christianity*  
Peter Kreeft ISBN 978-0-89870-798-4  
Ignatius Press 2001  
Price \$12.21 paperback; \$9.91 Kindle Available from Amazon and others

**These two books are not required but are very helpful in understanding the full depth and scope of Catechesis. These you will probably find in your Religious Education Office:**

*The National Directory for Catechesis*  
ISBN: 978-1-57455-443-4  
Published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Publication # 5-443 -- Washington, DC

General Directory for Catechesis  
ISBN: 1-57455-225-2  
Published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Publication # 5-225 -- Washington, DC