



Catechist Course Listing—Summer 2012

Office of Education

2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62221

Dear Catechist/Teacher:

Thank you for your ministry in the Diocese of Belleville. The format of the Summer Catechist Certification presentations is the same as last year. The location for the sessions was determined through an analysis of where the teachers taught and lived. This should place the sessions in the closest geographic proximity for the greatest number of participants.

Every tier of the revised Catechist Certification includes six categories. Presentations build on one another, so that deeper and more probing questions can be pondered as the process is continued. Therefore, only one tier can be undertaken at a time.

Those on **Renewal** may participate in the sessions which include the statement *qualifies for 3 hours Renewal credit*. Please look to the right of the course title and presenters name. The Retreat may also be taken **one** time for Renewal credit.

The cost for each course is \$15.00. If you need additional information, please contact Russell B. Peterson at rpeterson@diobelle.org (618) 235-9601#1042 or Linda Dennis at ldennis@diobelle.org (618) 235-9601 #1052.

Tier I

All mandatory Tier I courses are to be completed through the *Echoes of Faith Plus* using both the DVD and the workbooks. Both are essential for the completion of the courses. DVDs can be borrowed through the Audio Visual Department of the Office of Education. Workbooks can be purchased through the Office of Education. Through the use of the *Echoes of Faith Plus* series, the entirety of Tier I can be achieved on the local or cluster level. Experienced catechists with several renewals or individuals with Graduate degrees in Theology are the preferred leaders for sessions of the *Echoes of Faith Plus* series.

Tier II Retreat

This tier is composed of two parts that total 30 hours. There are six hours of electives. The credit for the other 24 hours is achieved through the retreat. This Summer of 2012 Tier II retreat will be offered at King's House Retreat Center in Belleville. It will be an overnight retreat. The cost includes overnight lodging, four meals, presentations, prayer times, and full access to the property. It will cost \$120.00, which is the exact amount that 24 hours of presentations have cost for many years. It will incorporate the following topics:

Personal Prayer in a Busy Life

The Person of Jesus

Culture and Catechesis

The Human Person

The Use of Scripture in Christian Spirituality

Culture and Spirituality

This will be the only Tier II retreat offered this Summer.

King's House Retreat Center, 700 North 66th Street, Belleville, IL 62223 (618) 397-0584

DATE Start: July 30, 2012—Beginning at 10:00 am

End: July 31, 2012—Ending at 4:00 pm

Tier III (3 Credit Hours Each Course)

Engaging Parents in Their Child's Catechesis—Tom Posnanski, Presenter

As the primary catechists, the role of the parent is essential for effective faith formation. This session will assist teachers in developing the skills to help parents in their role as faith formators.

Tom Posnanski is the Director of Education for the Diocese of Belleville. He has an extensive background in Theology, a Master's Degree in Education and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of Illinois.

June 19, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Overview of the New Testament—Mary Regan, Presenter

The Catholic tradition of the interpretation of Scripture stresses the importance of understanding the context and literary genre. This overview of the New Testament will balance the necessary historical critical information with other forms of Catholic interpretation.

Mary Regan has a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. She currently serves as Pastoral Associate at St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in St. Louis, Missouri. She remains active in her parish at St. Luke in Belleville where she volunteers as RCIA coordinator and as a facilitator of a scripture study group.

June 20, 2012—Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Waterloo—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Trinity—Reverend Robert Zwilling, Presenter

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is known by all Catholics. The meaning and significance of three persons in one God is not as well known. This presentation seeks to deepen the participants' understanding of the Church's Trinitarian theology.

Father Zwilling is originally from St. Joseph Parish in Stringtown, IL where he grew up on a grain and livestock farm as the youngest of 11 children. He is currently Pastor of St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Salem and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Kinmundy.

July 26, 2012—St. Joseph Parish, Olney—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Sacraments of Initiation—Karen Seaborn, Presenter

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are profound markers in the faith lives of Catholics. Through lecture and discussion, participants will deepen their knowledge of these Sacraments.

Karen Seaborn is the Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Waterloo. Karen has a Master of Divinity Degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

June 20, 2012—Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Waterloo—9:00 am—12:00 noon

Social Justice—Russell B. Peterson, Presenter

Catholic morality stresses the social nature of the human being and the necessity of the Church to be active in the modern world. This session explores the ramifications of seeking justice for all people from the womb to the tomb.

Russell Peterson is the Associate Director of Religious Education and Catechesis for the Diocese of Belleville.

July 26, 2012—St. Joseph Parish, Olney—9:00 am—12 noon

History of Christian Spirituality—Reverend Benjamin Stern, Presenter

Two thousand years and several continents of prayer and spiritual life will be covered in broad strokes. Then the spiritualities (charisms) of many Religious communities that have served in the Diocese of Belleville will be studied.

Fr. Ben Stern was ordained in 2007 and currently serves as the Administrator for St. Boniface Parish, Evansville and St. Mary of the Divine Maternity, Ellis Grove. Fr. Stern is presently working towards a Ph.D. in Philosophy at SIU-C.

July 16, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Tier IV (3 Credit Hours Each Course)

Faith Growth in Persons with Developmental Disabilities—Dr. Ann Bachmann, Presenter

Faith grows in a variety of ways and different prayer practices are natural for different people. This session will examine a number of developmental challenges and offer insights for faith growth.

Dr. Ann Bachmann is currently a School Counselor with Catholic Social Services. She graduated with a Master's in Social Work, received an Ed.D. in Pastoral Counseling and is licensed to practice Clinical Social Work. Dr. Bachmann has taught at grade school, high school, and college levels.

June 20, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Overview of the Old Testament—Judy Kampwerth, Presenter

The Catholic tradition of the interpretation of Scripture stresses the importance of understanding the context and literary genre. This overview of the Old Testament will balance the necessary historical critical information with other forms of Catholic interpretation.

Judy Kampwerth has a BA from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, a graduate degree in Youth Ministry from the John Roberts Program and an MA in Pastoral Theology from St. Mary-of-the-Woods. She is the head of the Religion Department at Mater Dei Catholic High School.

July 19, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—9:00 am—12 noon

The Four Marks of the Church—Reverend Sean Palas, Presenter

We state every Sunday that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.” The fullness of the meaning of this statement will be studied and discussed.

Fr. Sean is from Trenton and graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School. He has a BS from Loyola University Chicago, a STB from Angelicum University in Rome, and an MDiv from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He currently is full-time religion faculty at Althoff Catholic High School. He, also, serves as Associate Pastor of St. Teresa and St. Luke's Parishes in Belleville.

July 17, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Sacraments of Healing—Reverend Nicholas Junker, Presenter

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick were significantly altered by the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. Come and learn the theology of these Sacraments as well as the pastoral implications.

Fr. Nick is currently the Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, DuQuoin. His previous ministry was at St. Teresa Parish, Belleville.

July 25, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—9:00 am—12 noon

Moral Teachings on Human Sexuality—Heather Gallagher-Vento, Presenter

Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit

Healthy Christian relationships recognize that we were created in the image and likeness of God as male and female. This is a great gift and a great challenge. An adult understanding of this aspect of morality is important in this materialistic culture.

Heather served the Archdiocese of St. Louis as the Chastity Educator for seven years which working with the REAP team. She currently stays home with her three children. She is co-author of the book, *A Case for Chastity*, and continues to give presentations on chastity and the Theology of the Body.

July 23, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—9 am to 12 noon

Praying the Psalms—Sr. Grace Mueller, SSND, Presenter

Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit

The Psalms have been at the heart of Christian prayer since the Apostolic Age. This session will explore the variety of ways that the Psalms can be used.

Sr. Grace has a BA from LeClerc College, an MA from St. Louis University, a PhD from Western Reserve University and an MA in Scripture and Adult Religious Ed from Divine Word Center in London, Ontario. She is the Parish Life Coordinator at St. Luke Parish in Belleville.

July 25, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tier V (3 Credit Hours Each Course)

Catechesis, Ecumenism and the Inter-Faith Dialogue—Reverend Robert Flannery, Presenter **Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit**

In the multi-cultural world of 21st century America, we need to be able to speak intelligently and appropriately about other religions. This presentation will highlight the Catholic approach to other world religions as well as effort towards Christian unity.

Fr. Flannery is the Promoter for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs in the Diocese of Belleville. He is also the Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Carbondale.

July 19, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

The Gospels—Kim Diaz, Presenter

The Catholic tradition of the interpretation of Scripture stresses the importance of understanding the context and literary genre. This study of the four Gospels will balance the necessary historical critical information with other forms of Catholic interpretation.

Kim Diaz is the DRE at St. Mary Parish, Mt. Vernon. She has a BA from Illinois College, an MA from Truman State University and an MA in Catholic Life and Thought from St. Meinrad Archabbey. She has ministered for 20 years.

July 24, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—9:00 am—12:00 noon

Communion of Saints and Resurrection of the Body—Diane Overmann, Presenter **Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit**

St. Paul stated that death has lost its sting with the resurrection of Jesus. The Nicene Creed affirms these two teachings which highlight the link between the living and the dead and the end of times. Through lecture and discussion, the meaning of these teachings will be pursued. This session includes discussion of the development of the doctrine of Mary.

Diane Overmann has a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Master's Degree in Theology with focus on Religious Education from Saint Louis University. She is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Clare Catholic School in O'Fallon, IL.

July 23, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Sacraments of Vocation—Sr. Theresa Markus, SSND, Presenter **Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit**

This session will study on the meaning of marriage as a sacrament and study the three Orders of Holy Orders. Reflection on how to promote these vocations will be included.

Sr. Theresa has a BA in Theology and American Studies from Notre Dame College and an MA from Loyola University Chicago. She is currently Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Associate at the Cathedral of St Peter, Belleville.

July 16, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—9:00 am to 12 noon

Virtues—Robin Black, Presenter **Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit**

While public schools are promoting character education and seeking to instill values into the curriculum, we who are blessed in Church ministry can turn to the virtues and seek to inspire greatness. Through a variety of teaching methods, this session will explore the rich tradition of the virtues.

Robin has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Aquinas Institute. She is currently a full time religion faculty member at Althoff Catholic High School.

July 24, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Being a Leader of Prayer—Bill Harper, Presenter **Qualifies for 3 hours Renewal Credit**

Leading prayer is different than teaching or public speaking. Come and learn the variety of prayers that a lay person can lead as well as skills for being an effective leader of prayer.

Bill Harper serves as Pastoral Associate at St. Joseph Parish, Marion. He has been active in lay ecclesial ministry for over 18 years initially as a music minister. He has a MA in pastoral studies (M.A.P.S.) from Aquinas Institute.

July 17, 2012—Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville—9:00 am—12 noon