

Books

Books must be purchased separately ahead of time. They are not available for purchase onsite, but must be purchased from a third party seller. For more information visit www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Books

All courses require a Catholic Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Additional books are required for the following:

Introduction to Scripture

✘ Harrington, Daniel J., S.J. *How do Catholics Read the Bible?* Rowman and Littlefield, Publishers. 2005 ISBN: 0742548716

Old Testament

✘ Boadt, Lawrence. Ed. Richard Clifford and Daniel Harrington, *Reading the Old Testament* Paulist Press 2012. 2nd Edition ISBN: 0809147807
✘ Dowley, Tim *The Student Bible Atlas* Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2005 ISBN: 0806620382

New Testament

✘ Carmody, Timothy R. *Reading the Bible (A Study Guide)* Paulist Press 2004 ISBN: 0809141892
✘ Dowley, Tim *The Student Bible Atlas* Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2005 ISBN: 0806620382

Catholic Beliefs

✘ Pilarczyk, Daniel E. *Being Catholic* St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006. ISBN: 0867167084

Christology

✘ Luttenberger, Gerard H. *Who Do You Say That I Am? An Introduction to Christology* CreateSpace (Self-Publishing), 2012 ISBN: 1466384344

Sacraments

✘ Stasiak, Kurt *Sacramental Theology: Means of Grace, Ways of Life* Loyola Press, 2001. ISBN: 0829417214
✘ Mick, Lawrence E. *Understanding the Sacraments Today (Revised Edition)* Liturgical Press, 2006. ISBN: 0814629253

Morality

✘ Connors, Russell B *Christian Morality: In the Breath of God (Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series)* Loyola Press, 2001 ISBN: 0829417222

Church History 1

✘ Vidmar, John, OP. *The Catholic Church Through the Ages: A History, Second Edition*, Paulist Press. 2014 ISBN: 0809149044

Church History 2

✘ McGonigle, Thomas *A History of the Christian Tradition: From the Reformation to the Present* Paulist Press. 1996 ISBN: 0809136481

Spring 2021

SEMESTER I COURSES

Saturday mornings
8:30am-10:30, 11:00-1:00pm

Introduction to Scripture: Jan. 16, 23, 30
Old Testament: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13
New Testament: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6

Day of Reflection - Biblical Spirituality
Sat., Apr. 10 (8:30-2:30)

SEMESTER II COURSES

Thursdays 7pm-9pm

Catholic Beliefs: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18
Christology: Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 25, Apr. 8
Sacraments: Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

Day of Reflection - Ecclesial Spirituality
Sat., Apr. 17 (8:30-2:30)

SEMESTER III COURSES

Tuesdays 7pm-9pm

Morality: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16
Church History 1: Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 23, Apr. 6
Church History 2: Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

Day of Reflection - Missionary Spirituality
Sat., Apr. 24 (8:30-2:30)

LOCATION

In Mid-March 2020 all in-person classes were suspended in response to COVID-19. With ongoing uncertainty, for the time being we are only holding these classes using a **virtual platform** rather than attempt to gather in-person. These classes remain live and taught by a qualified instructor. Students access the class via the Zoom platform and log in to the class through Capernaum.

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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The FTCM Program

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple.

As a core program offered by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, FTCM provides authentic Catholic teachings taught by approved instructors with Masters or Doctoral degrees in theological disciplines.

There are several formation programs within the Archdiocese that require FTCM as either a portion of their overall program or as a pre-requisite for entry into the program. These include, among others, catechist formation, catechetical leader formation and youth ministry leader formation.

Semester I

Introduction to Scripture <i>Basic concepts necessary for reading Scripture</i>	10 hours
Old Testament <i>Navigate through and apply the Old Testament</i>	10 hours
New Testament <i>Know, understand, and apply the New Testament</i>	10 hours
Day of Reflection: <i>Biblical Spirituality</i>	6 hours

Semester II

Catholic Beliefs <i>Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine</i>	10 hours
Christology <i>Who the Church understands Jesus to be</i>	10 hours
Sacraments <i>The Liturgy and the Sacraments</i>	10 hours
Day of Reflection: <i>Ecclesial Spirituality</i>	6 hours

Semester III

Morality <i>Living as a Catholic Christian disciple</i>	10 hours
Church History 1 <i>From the Resurrection to the Reformation</i>	10 hours
Church History 2 <i>From the Reformation to today</i>	10 hours
Day of Reflection: <i>Missionary Spirituality</i>	6 hours

Recognitions

Certificates of completion are awarded annually to those who participate in the entire program.

How much does FTCM cost?

\$25 per course.

Financial assistance is granted on a case-by-case basis determined by need. Contact the OEC for an application.

How do I register for FTCM?

To register for FTCM you must have an account in the Archdiocese's Learning Management System, Capernaum.

If you already have an account go to https://capernaum.csod.com/catalog/CustomPage.aspx?id=221000383&tab_page_id=221000383.

Here you will have easy access to the full schedule and links to register for individual courses.

If you do not already have an account in Capernaum, go to www.archgh.org/capernaum to learn how to create one.

Can any of these courses be taken online?

8 out of 9 courses that are a part of FTCM (all except Morality) may be taken online through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).

Information about that program can be found at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>. One cannot do individual classes in this way, only entire courses. Fees for courses taken through the University of Dayton are independent of any fees paid to the Archdiocese. Monetary credits cannot be transferred between the Archdiocese and the University. Days of Reflection can only be done in-person in the Archdiocese.

Methodology and Expectations

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program utilizes an adult learning method that requires that participants have spent some time with the material prior to coming to class. The time spent together in class, then, allows the participants to engage with the material and one another under the direction of the instructor.

The majority of the preparation time prior to coming to class will be spent completing the assigned reading. Participants can expect to spend about 3-4 hours reading in preparation for every 2 hours spent in class. Many find it helpful to review the questions contained in the handout packet before beginning the reading.

Those electing to take courses in a compressed and intensive format (e.g., in a Friday-Saturday format or during the summer) are to be aware that they will be expected to complete all of the assigned reading for the course before the course begins.

Reading list and study questions for each course can be found at www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Reading.

