Course One: Person as Catechist

1.1: Evangelization and Catechesis
Objectives:
1. Explain evangelization, including the “New Evangelization”
2. Define catechesis as situated in the Church’s mission of evangelization
3. Describe the Church’s framework for initiation as the model for all catechesis
4. Identify the vocation of the catechist

1.2: Faith Development of the Person
Objectives:
1. Identify general characteristics of human development
2. Examine faith development theories
3. Describe how human development theories influence catechesis
4. Analyze how catechesis will vary according to the individual needs of the person

1.3: Catechetical Praxis
Objectives:
1. Review major points of courses 1.1 and 1.2
2. Identify resources for praxis
3. Apply learning by developing a catechetical lesson plan or prayer environment
4. Evaluate the praxis

1.4: Revelation: God’s Self Communication
Objectives:
1. Explore how God reveals God’s self to us
2. Identify Jesus as the fullness of God’s revelation
3. Identify the church’s single source of revelation – Scripture and Tradition
4. Examine our response of faith to God’s revelation

1.5: Introduction to Scripture
Objectives:
1. Describe the formation of the canon of scripture
2. Demonstrate the skills needed for biblical interpretation
3. Illustrate the Catholic understanding of biblical inspiration, inerrancy and interpretation
4. Describe the role of the Church in biblical interpretation

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1.6: Prayer

Objectives:
1. Participate in group prayer—breaking open to elicit personal prayer styles
2. Explore various forms and expressions of prayer found in Scripture and Tradition
3. Explain the role of personal and public prayer in our liturgical life
4. Examine images of God from Tradition, Scripture and personal experiences
5. Demonstrate how images influence prayer and discuss the implications for our learners

1.7: Introduction to Liturgy & Sacraments

Objectives:
1. Identify the liturgical prayer and life of the Church
2. Describe the major elements of liturgical, sacramental catechesis
3. Explain the general development of the sacraments
4. Explore the implications and demands of the sacraments in Christian life

1.8: Introduction to Spirituality

Objectives:
1. Demonstrate how the spiritual journey is the human journey
2. Explore the basis for our current understanding of Catholic spirituality and define its key elements
3. Discuss the role of the teacher/catechist and catechetical leader as spiritual leader

1.9: Introduction to Catholic Morality

Objectives:
1. Describe the Catholic approach to morality
2. Define “common good” and the promotion of human dignity and community as foundational to Catholic morality
3. Express why moral living is a direct response to our covenant relationship with God and others
4. Identify Catholic resources for moral living