WHAT IS THE LADDER OF ASCENT?

It is an exciting course offering from the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute. Those who take the course will make an in-depth study of four areas: the Creed, the Sacraments, Christian Morality, and the Life of Prayer. Using the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the primary text, students will meet for two hours each week for a lecture and small group discussion on the weekly assignments from the Catechism and other supplementary texts. This is a two-year, four-semester course that addresses the whole content of faith. Each year consists of weekly classes from September to May, as well as outside preparation time.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC), published in 1994, was the first universal Catechism intended for the whole Catholic Church in more than 400 years! It is divided into four sections, upon which the Church’s teaching is based. The four sections are suggested in a description of the early Church found in Acts of the Apostles 2:42: “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers.”

SEMESTER 1: “APOSTLES TEACHING,” THE CREED: THE STORY IN MINIATURE
SEMESTER 3: “FELLOWSHIP,” THE MORAL LIFE: FULFILLMENT IN BEATITUDE
SEMESTER 4: “PRAYER,” THE BLESSINGS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT?

This course is aimed at committed adult learners who are willing to give themselves to a deeper study of their faith. No particular educational background is required, and don’t worry if you haven’t been a student in a long time.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE IT?

If you have ever been stumped by a faith question from a relative, friend or neighbor, if you’re a catechist or a youth minister looking for a little refresher, if you’re just someone who wants to enjoy a deeper faith experience, this course is for you! Much more than a rehashing of facts about the faith, this course will show you the narrative thread linking the teachings of the Church together.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

All tuition rates are for an entire academic year and include a $20 non-refundable fee (where applicable) due at registration.

- General Student = $620
- Senior (65+ years old) = $560
- Military, Veteran, First Responder = $560
- Parish Volunteer Catechist = $380
- Employee of the archdiocese or a Catholic parish / school / ministry = $320
- Priest/Seminarian/Deacon/Professed Religious = Free

Limited need-based tuition assistance is available. The application for tuition assistance is included in the registration process for all students. Contact the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute (rotherinstitute@archokc.org or 405-721-4208) for more information.