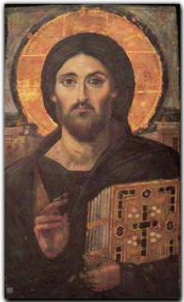
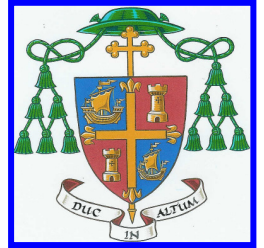


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Foundations in Faith

A Course of Catholic Faith Formation

Incorporating - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Foundations in Faith is a two-year basic course of adult formation in the Catholic faith offered by the **Vicariate for Evangelisation** in the *Diocese of Leeds*. It aims to help people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and develop their understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church.

“At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father ... who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever.” *Catechism of the Catholic Church 426*

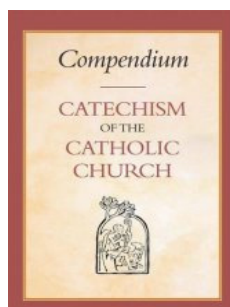
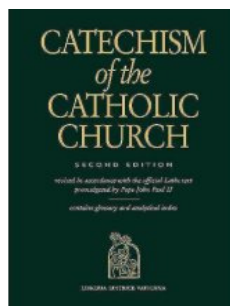


The course seeks to

- **Provide** spiritual and theological formation for people involved in different aspects of the Church's life and ministry.
- **Offer** a comprehensive training for catechists.
- **Assist** the formation of Catholic teachers and people working in Catholic schools, especially those with responsibility for Catholic ethos, religious education and spirituality.
- **Enable** any interested person to study and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Grounded in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, **Foundations in Faith** combines the following components to deliver a holistic Christian formation:

- **Prayer, liturgy and spirituality**
- **Teaching, catechesis and theological formation**
- **Group discussion and reflection**
- **Guided personal study**



Entry & Course Requirements

- An interest in exploring Catholic faith and a commitment to attend the study and retreat days
- At least 80% attendance for each core module & willingness to learn and share with others
- An expectation that all participants will engage in the entire course

Course Content



The course follows the modular structure and content of **CCRS**, the **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies**, validated by the *Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

YEAR 1

Induction Evening

Introductory Study Day

Module 1: The Bible – Old Testament

Advent Retreat Day

Module 2: The Bible – New Testament

Lenten Retreat Day

Module 3: Jesus Christ

Module 4: The Church

YEAR 2

Module 5: Sacraments

Advent Retreat Day

Module 6: Christian Morality

Module 7: Specialist Module 1

Module 8: Specialist Module 2

Closing Retreat Day

Evening celebration & Presentation of Certificates

Course Delivery

- Beginning in September 2010 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.
- Each module consists of five two-hour sessions to be delivered on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm until 9.30 pm, with a 15 minute break in between.
- Information about the induction evening, introductory study day and retreat days will be provided on application.
- To be awarded the **CCRS**, participants need to fulfil the attendance requirements (80% minimum) and to successfully complete an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent for each of the six core modules and two specialist modules.
- Those who attend the course, but do not wish to fulfil any of the written assignments, will be awarded a **Diocesan attendance certificate** subject to 80% participation.



Core Modules

Module 1: The Bible – Old Testament

The purpose of this module is to introduce participants to the writings of the Old Testament in order to help them to recognise God's revelation contained there and its continuing relevance in Christian life today.

Module 2: The Bible – New Testament

The purpose of this module is to familiarise participants with the process through which the New Testament writings came into being and to help them interpret the material presented and understand its significance for the life of a Christian today.

Module 3: Jesus Christ

The purpose of this module is to deepen participants' awareness of the significance and centrality of the person and work of Jesus Christ in the daily life of the Christian as well in the worship of the Church.

Module 4: The Church

The purpose of this module is to enable participants to reflect on the nature of the Church and its mission in the world today.

Module 5: The Sacraments

The purpose of this module is to develop participants' understanding and appreciation of Sacrament in the life of Catholics as a sign of Christ's continuing presence with the Church.

Module 6: Christian Morality

The purpose of this module is to help participants develop the skills of moral decision-making, to examine Christian teaching in its relations to the universal search for what constitutes "human good," and to explore the application of Christian understanding to come contemporary moral issues.

Year 2

Specialist modules

Catechesis 1: General Principles and Practice

Catechesis 2: Sacramental & Liturgical Catechesis

Catholic Schools & Religious Education 1

Catholic Schools & Religious Education 2

Liturgy

Philosophy

Catholic Social Teaching

Youth & Family Life Ministries

Interreligious Relations

- The *Specialist Modules* in Year 2 are to be chosen by the Easter of Year 1 to allow for planning. For a specialist module to run there must be a minimum group of 6 people.
- The modules are supported by the induction evening and introductory study day along with two retreat days during each year.



Course Co-ordinators

Rev John Wilson (Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation)

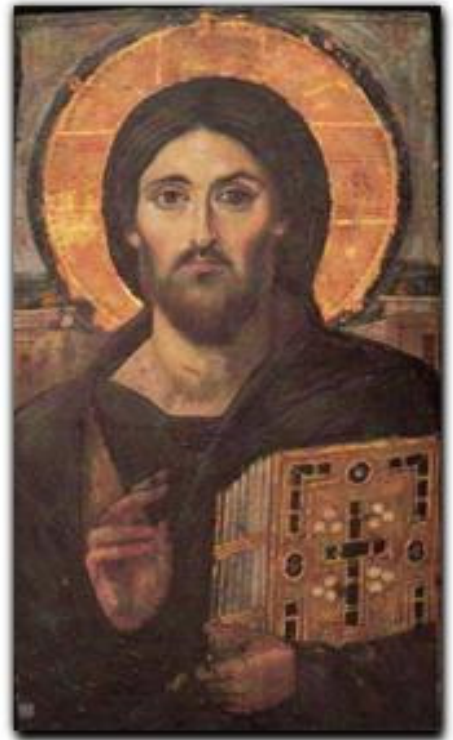
Mrs Linda Pennington (Co-ordinator for Catechesis;
CCRS Co-ordinator)

The course fee is £400 including all modules, study
and retreat days.

This may be paid in one instalment, in two instalments of £200
at the beginning of each year, or in instalments of £50 at the
beginning of each module.

CCRS requires registration with the *Bishops' Conference Board
of Religious Studies*. This involves a £20 registration fee which
is included in the total course fee.

Subsidies may be available from relevant schools or parishes
and there is a reduction for students/unwaged.



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