

Annunciation Catechesis

Course Structure

Part 1: Christ, the Way the Truth and the Life –

1. **The Creed:** looking at the History of Salvation, Summary of our faith in Jesus Christ: *Our salvation in Christ and God's free gift of grace.*
2. **The Mystery of Christ and the Holy Trinity:** *Who is God? What does it mean to say that He is Trinity? Who is the Father? Who is Jesus Christ, and who the Holy Spirit?*
3. **The Mystery of the Church of Christ:** *What is the Church? What is the importance of Our Lady and the saints in the Church?*

Part 2: Sources of the Faith

4. **Introduction to Sacred Scripture:** *Reading Sacred Scripture with the mind of the Church, with a focus on how both Testaments are the one word of God.*
5. **Introduction to the Liturgy:** *What do we mean by "liturgy"? How can we better engage with the Mass? Other aspects such as the liturgy of the hours (Divine Office).*
6. **Introduction to the Sacraments:** *What do we mean by Sacrament? Exploring all seven sacraments with a particular focus on the sacraments of initiation.*

Part 3: The Search for Happiness

7. **Grace and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love:** *Studied in the light of the recent teaching of Popes Benedict XVI and Francis.*
8. **The Dignity of the Human Person:** *Created in the image of God and God's call that we share everlasting happiness with Him.*
9. **Life in Christ** (Catholic moral teaching): *In the light of our call to happiness, eternal life with God, and the grace of Christ.*

Part 4: Handing on the Faith: the New Evangelisation

10. **The New Evangelisation and Sacred Art:** *An exploration of the language of sacred art and how it can help us to explain the faith to others.*
11. **The New Evangelisation and Catechetical resources:** *an examination of catechetical resources, the new media and technology. How can we use these resources in our practice of catechesis and passing on the faith?*
12. **The New Evangelisation and Parish Life:** *The parish as the locus for catechesis and passing on the faith. How can the lay person authentically collaborate with the ministerial priesthood in the context of the parish community?*

Course Organisation

- Study materials are accessed through this dedicated website.
- The cost is £150 per set of three units (per part of the course).
 - This covers all the downloadable materials and all your tutoring support
 - You only need to buy the next set of units after you have completed the first set. It is expected that each unit will take up to 2 months to complete. It is expected that you will complete all three units in no more than 9 months.
- Each unit of work has 4 short assessed tasks which are sent to a personal tutor for marking and support.
- In addition there are three compulsory workshop days.

Three compulsory workshop days are:

- Introductory workshop day (check your diocesan dates or dates below for those not covered by diocesan provision)
- Catechetical workshop day.
- Prayer workshop day.

In order to complete the course, you need to complete:

- All 12 units of work assessed through four tasks in each Unit
- 3 practical catechetical workshops
- Attend the three compulsory study days

Additional study days:

Dioceses arrange additional dates to support students in their course material and we suggest:

1. **Scripture, Liturgy and the Sacraments.**
2. **Grace, Life in Christ (moral teaching), the Dignity of the Human Person.**
3. **Sacred Art, Catechetical Resources and the Role of the Parish.**

Certification:

On satisfactory completion of the all the course requirements, you will receive a PDF of a certificate and a record of your grades.