

# Annunciation Catechesis

## **Formation for the New Evangelisation in our world today**

In forming adult Catholics for the third millennium, the last three Popes have made it clear that the context is now the New Evangelisation, a context markedly different from the previous century and needing new methods and new vigour to deliver the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Saviour, a message 'forever ancient and forever new'.

This formation is for adult Catholics, especially those who support parish life in its richness and sacredness, its fellowship, prayer and charity. It is for parents, grandparents and especially for catechists. It is also for readers, those involved in children's liturgy, and anyone keen to know and appreciate the faith of the Church more deeply and be better equipped to defend it and pass it on.

The course is exceptional in its combination of knowledge of the faith in all four dimensions of the Christian Life, and concrete practice for passing on and explaining the Good News of Jesus Christ in differing contexts.

Tried, tested and developed over many years, this course is currently being used by the Diocese of East Anglia and by the Archdiocese of Southwark for their diocesan catechetical certificates. It has also been run in the diocese of Plymouth and in parishes around England.

This programme is developed and led by a strong catechetical team, steeped in the Church's catechetical documents especially the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The course is divided into twelve units. Each unit of work is expected to take approximately 2 months to complete, studying for approximately 5 hours a week. Units are purchased in groups of three from this Annunciation Catechesis Website. Access will be given once a student has registered.

## **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.*

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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 £195 per set of three units (per part of the course).
  - This covers all the downloadable materials and all your tutoring support including the zoom sessions.
  - You only need to buy the next set of units after you have completed the first set. It is expected that each unit will about 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 send to a personal tutor for marking and support.
- In addition, there are optional sessions on zoom introducing each of the units.
- A catechetical workshop day introduces the practical aspect of catechesis and will be arranged in a central location in England and in the diocese of East Anglia as soon as



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we can safely meet. There are four compulsory practical workshop activities to complete.

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

- All 12 units of work assessed, through four tasks in each Unit
- 4 practical catechetical workshops

**Certification:**

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