

UDIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY AND ADULT ENRICHMENT

2017-2018 Calendar Year

RCIA CATECHUMENATE TEAM MINISTRY

FOUR PERIOD PHASE CONTENT: Four Parts: 4 weekly sessions, 2 workshops, 1 practicum:

Total: 75 hours

Sessions are 2.5 hrs. 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM and are in 4 week groupings (Parts I, II, III and IV)

Sessions are **not** scheduled during the Church seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent. All sessions are on Thursday evenings. This year we will be holding classes at the Family Life Office in Lilly, PA.

2017 Part I. Pre-Catechumenate (also called Period of Evangelization): September 7, 14, 21 and 28

Topics: Conversion: Church Documents on Evangelization; History of the Catechumenate; overview of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*; faith sharing and praying with the Sunday scriptures; catechesis and adult faith development stages; discernment processes; parish team formation; roles and development of team members; and parish catechesis; sorting “Who’s Coming Into the Church.”

2017 Part II. Catechumenate: October 12, 19, 26 and November 2

Topics – faith formation through the study of the Church’s liturgy and the Holy Word of God the Lectionary; tools to lead Dismissal Catechesis for life integration of weekly Gospel; practical techniques for development of Catechetical Sessions.

2018 Part III. Purification and Enlightenment: January 11, 18, 25 and February 1

Topics: Study and modeling of the minor rituals within the *Rite of Christian initiation of Adult*: Catechesis and formation of RCIA ritual action; proper use of symbol and song: reflection and study of discussion of the Minor Rites and presentations; catechesis on the liturgies of Holy Week (beginning with Passion Sunday), with particular focus on the Holy Triduum and the Easter Vigil.

2018 Part IV. Mystagogy: April 5, 12, 19 and 26 (must be held during Easter Season)

Topics: Definitions of Neophyte and Mystagogy; prayer reflection on Holy Week to Easter Sunday; catechesis for Easter Season; study of Resurrection narratives; on going formation – doctrinal topics, prayer tools, Sacrament of Penance. Practicum projects are due.

Wrap-up: All must participate in a Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown generated written reflection, evaluation, and a personal closing interview with the Coordinator of Christian Initiation.

FOR ALL COURSE MEMBERS: WORKSHOP SAVE THE DATES

Workshops: 1 and 2 are necessary for RCIA certification, and can also be counted towards CEU credit hours for Lay Ecclesial Ministry.

- 1. CATHOLIC LIFE CONFERENCE** (a bi-annual gathering)
Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Mt. Aloysius College, 9AM – 3:00 PM,
Three break-out sessions will be offered for RCIA (course participants must attend at least one)
The conference is open to all people in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

- 2. UNDERSTANDING THE ANNULMENT PROCESS**
Saturday, November 4, 2017 at St. Michael the Archangel School Cafeteria, Loretto
The workshop is also open to all RCIA leaders and team members.

- 3. Spring Workshop TBA.**