

McHenry Deanery Office of Catholic Education

Catechist Certification Schedule

Fall 2010

October 2010:

Becoming a Catechist - Level I Blitz (Level I Required) Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Algonquin. This all day workshop fulfills the requirements of all five required courses for Level I Certification. Topics include moral life & decision making, prayer in the classroom, and the Catholic understanding of the sacraments, scripture and the church.

November 2010:

Catholic Prayer in the Classroom (Level I Required) Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick, McHenry. This session looks at the role of the catechist as a facilitator and leader of prayer. Various prayer forms, methods of praying with different age levels and the role of ritual in prayer will be explored.

Catholic Customs and Traditions (Level II Required) Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick, McHenry. Have you ever wondered where our customs and traditions come from? This workshop traces the roots of traditions, customs and ritual practices that make up the Roman Catholic Experience. There will be practical applications for use in the classroom.

Catholic Understanding of Sacred Scripture (Level I Required) Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St. Patrick, McHenry. This hands-on presentation offers a Catholic approach to understanding the Bible by reviewing its' basic structure and composition. Special attention will be given to sacred tradition and the meaning of particular texts.

A Journey Through the Parables (Elective) Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St. Patrick, McHenry. To fulfill their spiritual aim, Jesus' parables needed to be surprising and even shocking. This discussion will answer your questions about Jesus' parables. You will learn what a parable is and the reason why Jesus chose parables as his favorite form of teaching.

Mary, the Saints & the Afterlife (Level II Required) Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, McHenry. This session will look at Mary's special vocation in the church, the meaning of the Communion of Saints, and eternal life as the call to every Christian to know God.

Working Smarter Not Harder: A Survival Program for Catechists (Elective) Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, McHenry. The purpose of this class is to provide the catechist with a way of thinking about classroom management. It offers practical suggestions for success by setting a direction for your students, creating a learning environment, preparing a lesson plan, and handling challenges.