

2020 CATECHETICS SEMINAR

You are invited to participate in this new, advanced pilot program in Catechetics! The goal of the seminar is to provide participants with a substantive introduction to the Catholic tradition and catechetical ministry that addresses our changing religious landscape. This seminar is free and open to the public, and catechists and religious educators are highly encouraged to participate in any or all modules:

MODULE 1 : JAN 11 AND 25

Pastoral Realities in Catholic America (10 hours)

Participants will examine the modern, multicultural reality of Catholic life in the United States, both its opportunities and challenges, especially as they relate to the New Evangelization.

MODULE 2 : FEB 8 AND 29

Spirituality and the Nature of Belief (10 hours)

Participants will examine the nature of human belief, the capacity to believe (e.g. to “believe in...”), and the underlying factors of spirituality and spiritual practice. Special attention will be given to the Catholic understanding of these concepts.

MODULE 3 : MAR 14 AND 28

Introduction to Catechesis (10 hours)

Participants will be introduced to the ministry of catechesis. Special attention will be given to the history and theology of this specialized ministry, as well as its role in the New Evangelization.

MODULE 4 : APR 18, MAY 2, 16, AND 30

Foundations of the Catholic Tradition I (20 hours)

Participants will be introduced to the foundations of the Catholic tradition, with a focus on Scripture, Christology, and church history.

MODULE 5 : JUN 13, 27, JUL 11, AND AUG 1

Foundations of the Catholic Tradition II (20 hours)

Participants will continue their introduction to the foundations of the Catholic tradition, focusing on sacramentality, spirituality, morality, and ecclesiology since the reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

MODULE 6 : AUG 29, SEP 12, 26, AND OCT 10

Catechetical Methodology (20 hours)

Participants will gain knowledge of appropriate concepts and strategies to deliver catechetical instruction. This includes lesson planning, best practices, assessing student progress, and tools for professional development.

GENERAL INFORMATION ▶

Instructor: Michael McNaught, assistant director of the LMU Center for Religion and Spirituality

Schedule: Sessions meet 9a–3p on select Saturdays (see left). There will be a break for lunch at 12–1p.

Location: University Hall 1866
Loyola Marymount University
1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Parking: University Hall levels P2 or P3; parking is free on weekends.

CERTIFICATION ▶

Participants who successfully complete the seminar will be awarded **Advanced Specialization in Catechetics** from the Archdiocesan Office for Religious Education.

Participants who complete individual modules or sessions will receive credit for on-going formation.

ENROLLMENT ▶

This seminar is free and open to the public!

Participants may incur some individual costs for books or materials.

Enroll: Online enrollment is required, see Web link below.

INFO ▶

Questions? Please email Michael McNaught at mmcnaught@lmu.edu.



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