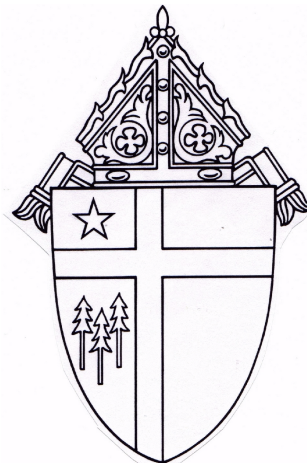


*Handbook for*  
*Adult Faith Formation*  
*and*  
*Ministry Endorsement*



**Diocese of Tyler**  
**Office of Religious Education**  
**1015 ESE Loop 323**  
**Tyler, Texas 75701**  
**903-534-1077**

**Revised - August, 2006**  
*also available on website at*  
[www.dioceseoftyler.org](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org)

# Table of Contents

*Preface*-----

*Lifelong Individual Faith Enrichment (LIFE) Program - Levels*-----

*Catechist Endorsement Levels*-----

*Options for Study*-----

*Audio-Visual Format*-----

*Guidelines for using Videos for Credits for LIFE or Catechetics*

*Form A for Video Assessments*

*Form A for Video Assessments*

*Credit for Previous Work*-----

*Candidates with Academic Theology Degrees*

*Certificates from Other Dioceses*

*Candidates with Previous Workshop/Courses*

*Appendices*-----

*Appendix 1 - Application for Endorsement / Application for LIFE*

*Appendix 2 - Checklist for Credits*

*Appendix 3 - List of LIFE Courses*

*Appendix 4 - TCCED Requirements*

*Appendix 5 - Guidelines for Vacation Bible School Personnel*

## Preface

“The Church was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ over all the earth for the glory of God the Father, to make all people partakers in redemption and salvation. The laity participate in the church’s mission by living faith and being educated in the faith.”

*Vatican II, Apostolicam Actuositatem.*

“Adult catechesis must systematically propose the Christian faith in its entirety and in its authenticity, in accordance with the Church’s understanding. Adults must assume responsibility for the Church’s mission and to be able to give Christian witness in society.” *GDC, 175, 1997.* “By systematic we mean a catechesis that nurtures a profound, lifelong conversion of the whole person and sets forth a comprehensive, contemporary synthesis of the faith as presented in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*” *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, 1999*

In an effort to respond to the call of the Spirit in Sacred Scripture and the Church through these documents the Office of Religious Education is committed to providing educational opportunities for growing in the Catholic faith for all adults in the Diocese of Tyler. This handbook will provide an explanation of programming currently available and recommended resources to further individual faith development.

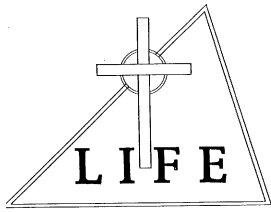
*The Lifelong Individual Faith Enrichment (LIFE) Program* is a systematic study of courses offered in theology and scripture presented in four levels. The goal of the LIFE program is to give adults a solid foundation upon which they can independently continue the growth in their faith for the rest of their lives. All formation efforts should be focused on the curriculum path of the LIFE program. (See pages 4-5)

The *Catechist Endorsement* process for ministry explained in this handbook also provides an opportunity to share with others the growth in theology and scripture. The Catechist is given tools to faithfully echo, on behalf of their parish community, the faith which they have received. (See pages 6-11)

*The Professional Ministry Program (PMP)* is a series of college level theology, scripture, and catechetical courses taught in a semester format for those interested in a more challenging study of faith and doctrine.

Finally, audio - visual resources are available at the Office of Religious Education in the resource library for independent study as well as information regarding distance learning both on the internet and through college partnerships.

Additional information is available on the diocesan website. [www.dioceseoftyler.org](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org)



## **Lifelong Individual Faith Enrichment (LIFE)**

*The Lifelong Individual Faith Enrichment (LIFE) Program* is a systematic study of courses offered in theology and scripture presented in four levels. A certificate is awarded upon the completion of each level. In addition to particular courses offered by the diocese, parish classes may be offered that meet similar syllabus requirements. See “Areas of Study - Theology and Scripture” for other possible topics. (See page 5)

1. Foundation LIFE Level: 12 credit hours (general overview of basic Catholic doctrine)  
Courses such as: "**Basic Elements of the Christian Message Course.**" This course includes 2-hour sessions on the following topics: Revelation, Trinity, Church, Sacraments, Mary/Saints, and Grace/Moral Life. This series is designed for adults just beginning to learn about their faith. This course is also fruitful for adults beginning the mystagogia period following Christian Initiation.
  
2. Basic LIFE Level: 30 credit hours (15 Theology/15 Scripture)  
Courses in **Scripture, Church, and Sacraments** are designed to provide a deeper understanding of doctrine. At this level, the class syllabus includes introduction to reading and comprehending church documents (e.g. Vatican II, Catechism of Catholic Church, and Scripture), scripture exegesis, and systematic presentation of the faith. The sessions at this level typically require some outside reading.
  
3. Intermediate LIFE Level: 30 credit hours (15 Theology/15 Scripture)  
Diocesan Courses such as: **Christology, Mary in the New Testament, Morality and the Formation of Conscience, Prayer, the Spiritual Life and the Relationship to Eucharist.** The syllabus includes exposure to papal writings or church documents. Courses at this level require some independent reading and either oral presentations or short written reflection papers.
  
4. Advanced LIFE Level: 40 hours of adult study of Catholic doctrine. Classes should enable the participant to continue progression of growth in one's personal adult faith enrichment at this level through exposure to secondary sources or in depth reading of papal documents. Some advanced theology classes have been videotaped with handouts, and homework.

## Areas of Study - Theology and Scripture

These are areas for suggestions. The list is not meant to be exhaustive.

### Theology:

Sacraments - Sign/Symbol	Ministry	Prayer
Sacraments of Initiation	Traditions	Current Pastoral Letters
Evangelization	Basic Doctrine	Christian Initiation
Sacraments of Healing	Liturgy	Sexuality
Sacraments of Vocation	Documents of Vatican II	
Church/Ecclesiology	Church	Social Teachings
History of Church	Faith	Christology
Revelation and Faith	Grace/Sin	World Religions
Justice and Peace	Mariology	The Creed
Morality/Conscience	Catechism of the Catholic Church	



### Scripture:

Literary Forms/Authorship	Gospel of John Prophets	
Christian Scripture	Wisdom Literature	Acts
Hebrew Scripture	Psalms	Parables
The Letters of St. Paul	The Synoptic Gospels Letters	Pastoral
Book of Revelation	Parables	Scriptural Themes



## Catechist Endorsement Levels

Every person engaged in handing on the faith in any parish program (e.g. CCD, Christian Initiation, religious formation, sacramental preparation, small group studies, etc). should be endorsed. The Beginning Endorsement is intended to provide the minimum training for anyone to catechize in a parish program without supervision.

\*\*\* Catechist Endorsement Awards are issued upon completion of a particular level and requested through the Office of Faith Formation.\*\*\*

### **Beginning Catechist Endorsement:**

1. Completion of 12 hours of the Foundation LIFE Level  
( i.e. LIFE course - Basic Elements of the Christian Message Course, attendance for one year in catechetical sessions for Christian Initiation, DeSales Study -6 hours on Scripture, 6 hours Theology. These are a few examples. Others may be submitted.)
2. Catechetics: 12 hours (effective January, 2004)
  - a. E1 - Echoes of Faith: Getting Started as a Catechist (2 hours)
  - b. E2 - Echoes of Faith: Role of the Catechist (2 hours)
  - c. E3 - Echoes of Faith: Person of the Catechist (2 hours)
  - d. E4 - Echoes of Faith Module - Introduction to the Learner - (4 hours)
  - e. E5 - Echoes of Faith Methods: (2 hours depending on the grade level or another catechetic workshop.)

\* Professional Teaching Certificate will replace the credits for the 12 hours of Catechetics for this level. Echoes may be viewed for the Basic Catechetic Level. A copy of the teaching certificate is to be sent to the Office of Faith Formation.
3. Training on the *Guidelines for the Ethics and Integrity for Church Personnel, signed Code of Ethics, and submitted Criminal Background Check Release to Business Office.* ( ACS - applicant is approved on website)
4. Curriculum Guide Training for Ages 4-18 or Christian Initiation Curriculum. (CG - 3 hours)
5. Personal faith experience: retreat, cursillo, prayer group marriage encounter, renew experience, day of recollection.
6. One year of religious education teaching experience (This may coincide with study time.)
7. Endorsement requirement at this level should be completed within one year period. The endorsement is valid for a period of 3 years at which time the next level should be done.

**Basic Catechist Endorsement:**

1. Completion of the Beginning Catechist Endorsement.
2. Completion of the Basic LIFE Level
  - 6 hours Sacraments
  - 6 hours Church
  - 6 hours Old Testament
  - 6 hours New Testament
  - 6 hours electives
3. Catechetics: 15 additional hours (limit 5 hours /topic) See “Areas of Study - Catechetics” (See p. 11)
4. Personal Faith experience: retreat, cursillo, day of recollection, renew experience, prayer group, marriage encounter.
5. One additional year of religious education teaching experience (This may coincide with study time.)
6. Endorsement requirements for this level should be completed within a 3 year period. The endorsement is valid for 3 years, at which time the next level should be completed.

**Intermediate Catechist Endorsement:**

1. Completion of the Basic Catechist Endorsement.
2. Completion of the Intermediate LIFE Level - See “Adult Faith Formation” (See p.4-5) .
3. Catechetics: 12 additional hours (Diversity in topics is encouraged) See “Areas of Study - Catechetics” (See p. 11) These hours should be at an intermediate level, requiring some outside reading and some type of reflection.
4. Personal Faith experience: retreat, cursillo, day of recollection, prayer group, marriage encounter
5. An additional year of religious education teaching experience (This may coincide with study time.)
6. Endorsement requirement should be completed within a 3 year period. The endorsement is valid for an additional 3 years, at which time the Advanced Level should have been completed.

### **Advanced Catechist Endorsement:**

1. Completion of the Intermediate Catechist Endorsement.
2. Completion of Advanced LIFE Level - See- “Adult Faith Formation” (See p. 4-5)
- \*\*3. Catechetics: 9 hours See “Areas of Study - Catechetics” (See p. 11)
4. Personal Faith experience: retreat, cursillo, day of recollection, renew experience, prayer group, marriage encounter
5. An additional year of religious education teaching experience. (This may coincide with study time.)
6. Endorsement requirements should be completed within a 3 year period. Endorsement is valid for 3 years, renewable upon completion of 15 additional hours.

\*\*The Advanced Catechist Endorsement requires 9 hours of catechetics. At this level requirements are expected to include: A two hour presentation on some aspect of the doctrine of the Catholic Church for adults should be submitted. Preparations, materials used, evaluation, and personal reflection should be included in the project report. Include the location, and number of attendees. Choose **TWO** of the following:

1. Lesson plan for a particular group using the Curriculum Guide for a basis on a doctrine of the faith; teach the lesson; evaluate the lesson; and submit a typed reflection of the plans, procedures, and materials used.
2. A presentation to a practicing Catholic adult audience for faith formation teaching on a specific doctrine.
3. A presentation to a group of parents seeking to present their child as part of a sacramental preparation program.
4. A presentation on a doctrine of faith to a group of non-Catholics seeking full communion into the Church through the Christian Initiation process. (Maybe non-Christians or non-Catholics seeking full communion.)

Submit information for credits to: Office of Religious Education. Upon satisfactory completion of this requirement 9 hours for Advanced Catechetics will be awarded.

### **\*\*\*Specializations**

For those interested in being endorsed in a specialized area, the Beginning and Basic Endorsements must be completed first. Currently there are three areas for specialization as options which are offered to satisfy the 12 hours for Intermediate Catechist at the Intermediate Endorsement Level. Note the Christian Initiation Specialization has been removed since there are other requirements for that in the Diocesan Resource Manual for Christian Initiation.

#### 1. Sacramental Preparation Specialization

##### a. (6 hours ) Presentation Session

Directions: Plan, present, and evaluate a training session for a particular sacrament: Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Confirmation. Prepare the session, list objectives, time, materials, audio-visuals, handouts, outline of session. Present the session. Evaluate the session as to what worked, what didn't. Briefly give a report of the session from your own perspective.

Choose two from the list below:

- a. Parent session
- b. Family session
- c. Couples
- d. Candidates

##### b. (6 hours) Additional workshops of interest listed from "Areas of Study- Catechetics" (See p. 11)

#### 2. Adult Faith Formation Leader Specialization

##### a. (3 hours) Read the book: *Lifelong Learning: The Adult Chapter*.

Write a one page reflection on what you learned.

##### b. (3 hours) Attend a training session on how to facilitate a study group learning proper techniques, including various learning styles for adults.

##### c. (6 hours) Additional workshops of interest listed from "Areas of Study - Catechetics" (See p. 11)

### **Professional Religious Educator Endorsement**

The Professional Religious Educator Endorsement is for those interested in catechetical leadership positions in their parishes. The endorsement requires a systematic study of theology, at least three years in an administrative position, training towards proficiency in the skills outlined by the National Standards for Parish Directors of Religious Education, and a Self-Assessment Instrument. For more information about this endorsement contact the Office of Religious Education for details outlining the process.

## Areas of Study - Catechetics

Areas of Study are given here as suggestions. The list is not meant to be exhaustive.

### CATECHETICS:

Ministry of the Catechist

Basic Psychology/Human Development

Faith Development

Theories of Religious Education

Classroom Environment

Use of Media Equipment

Art of Questioning

Positive Motivational Techniques

Church Documents on Catechetics

National Catechetical Directory

Teaching Values

Catechetical programs -administration and organization

Classroom Discipline and Management

Communication Skills

Music/Drama/Storytelling

History of Catechesis

Teaching Techniques

Lesson Planning



## Options for Study

- ☼ Annual Diocesan Discipleship Conference
  
- ☼ Local, regional, diocesan, and national workshops or conferences
  
- ☼ Parish or deanery programs
  
- ☼ College or university courses in theology, scripture, or catechetics
  
- ☼ Audio/Video programs: Little Rock Scripture, DeSales, Echoes of Faith, Scott Hahn Adult Faith Formation Series, etc.
  
- ☼ Distance learning
  
- ☼ Independent study



## **Audio / Visual Format**

The Office of Faith Formation maintains an audio-visual center and a curriculum library. Persons who are working toward LIFE certification/catechist endorsement can find many resources in this area which would help them in their courses of study. A borrowing system is used for audio-visual materials. Resources are listed on the diocesan website. Catalogues are also available for selecting resources which may not be accessible in our center.

Professionally produced video cassettes are also available for adult study groups. Participants are encouraged to approach video learning as part of a group. The group offers each individual an opportunity for input and discussion.

1. Copyright laws do not allow you to make copies of the tapes unless produced by the Office of Religious Education.
2. One person should serve as the facilitator for the group. Facilitator would serve as the liaison between the group and the Office of Religious Education.
3. Use of the tapes is free of charge. Damage or loss of tapes would require replacement by the group.
4. The facilitator should preview the tapes to be used and be able to present a brief overview of the tape.
5. Tapes should be returned as soon as possible upon the completion of the meeting. Check out is generally for one month with a one time renewal.

### **Suggested Program Format for Using Video Cassettes**

- I. Prayer: Plan a prayer service that would address the theme.**
- II. Brief Overview by Facilitator: This is a time to set the tone for the meeting.**
- III. Video Presentation**
- IV. Reflection**
- V. Discussion**
- VI. Closing Prayer**



**FORM B Video Assessment** for Intermediate / Advanced  
Credit Edited January, 2006 (May be used for Catechetical or Doctrinal for the  
following categories)

Intermediate Theology (IT)  
Intermediate Scripture (IS)  
Intermediate Catechetics (C3)  
Advanced Catechetics (C4)

Title of Video:

Name of participant:

Address with city and zip code:

Parish:

Date (s) of viewing:

1. At least 2 people must view the video segment together.
2. Each person fills out video assessment included with this packet.
3. Watch the video segment of the presentation.
4. Complete the assignments and return within one month with the video.  
Otherwise only Basic Credit may be issued.
5. Return completed assignments, with Video Assessment, and fee to Office of  
Faith Formation.
6. Fee for Intermediate and Advanced credit - \$10.00. Assignments have to be  
sent to someone to evaluate for credit and a stipend offered.

Office of Faith Formation  
Linda K. Porter  
1015 ESE Loop 323  
Tyler, Texas 75701

7. Credits may not be submitted online until all work has been done, evaluated, and  
returned to the individual satisfactorily completed. Length of study and viewing  
time total:

## **Video Credit Guidelines (LIFE - Scripture or Theology / Catechetics) January, 2006**

### **Introduction:**

Adult faith formation study may be accomplished through video assisted learning. This provides additional opportunities for study at local parishes, and in scheduling for individuals.

The Office of Faith Formation library has videos / handouts for checkout for a one month period. This time may be extended for a one month period if necessary.

The videos may not be reproduced or copied. However, the handouts, assignments, guides which accompany the video may be reproduced for your use. The videos are designed for systematic formation in both doctrine and / catechetics. The office has additional training videos for Christian Initiation, Liturgical Renewal, etc. which may be used for enrichment. However, only specific videos may be submitted for LIFE or Catechetical credit toward Endorsement. The list is on file at the Office of Faith Formation and also with this guidelines packet.

Each video in the list is classified as to which credits it would apply toward. Instruction for submitting credits on either Video Assessment FORM A or FORM B is also included with this packet.

### **Instructions for Submitting Credits:**

1. Foundation LIFE or Basic LIFE (Scripture or Theology) videos may be checked out at no cost along with any handouts may be provided. Additionally, Basic Catechetics may be submitted using videos at no cost to the individual. Video FORM A - Assessment must be completed and submitted to the Office of Faith Formation. (See enclosed

sheet)

If the video, i.e. Echoes, or Faith Formation Training already have an assessment form, it is not necessary to submit FORM A also.

2. If videos indicate you may receive Intermediate or Advanced Credits additional assignments along with a \$10 fee to cover the stipend for the presenter who evaluates the assignments should be returned with Video FORM B - Assessment to the Office of Faith Formation. You will be notified when the assignment has been evaluated and you may then enter credits online for acceptance. (See enclosed sheet)

**VIDEOS FROM OFF FOR LIFE / CATECHETIC CREDIT -  
Revised July, 2006**

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: THE SPLENDOR OF THE CHURCH & THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH PROGRAM 3-4**  
**The Splendor of the Church:** Overview of the Church The Bible and the Church: **Both or Neither:** Shows how the bible and the church go together like flesh and blood- must be accepted or rejected together; both or neither.  
[000006601 S=A C=V] *Basic Scripture / Intermediate Scripture*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: SALVATION HISTORY: PROGRAM 5-6**  
**One Holy Family - One Holy Tribe:** Discusses how God the Creator entered into a covenant with His creation. **\*\*One Holy Tribe, Cont.** Concludes the overview of salvation history from Adam to Noah.  
[000006590 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Intermediate Theology*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: SALVATION HISTORY:- PROGRAM 7-8**  
**One Holy Nation - One Holy Kingdom:** Begins with Noah and explains Abraham's tribe and the 12 tribes of Israel. **One Holy Kingdom Continued:** Continues with the Davidic kingdom.  
[000006591 S=A C=V] *Basic Scripture / Intermediate Scripture*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: SALVATION HISTORY: PROGRAM 9**  
**One Holy Church:** Final program of Salvation History Program. All of the covenants of the old testament, all the promises God made to His people are fulfilled in the New Covenant of Christ and His Church.  
[000006592 S=A C=V] *Basic Scripture / Intermediate Scripture*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: UNDERSTANDING OUR ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC & APOSTOLIC CHURCH: PROGRAM 10-11**  
**The Church is one:** Understand how the Catholic Church has always emphasized its fundamental unity. **The Church is Holy:** Focuses on the holiness of the Catholic Church and of the role of the saints in the mystical body of **\*\*Christ.** [000006602 *Basic Theology / Intermediate Theology*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: UNDERSTANDING OUR ONE, HOLY & APOSTOLIC CHURCH PROGRAM 12-13**  
**The Church is Catholic:** Deals with the meaning of the word "catholic". The Catholic Church as a universal community of believers. **The Church is Apostolic:** Explains the continuous transmission of authority through the Bishops and their head, the Pope.  
[000006612 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Intermediate Theology*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: A CLOSER LOOK AT CHRIST'S CHURCH: ANSWERING COMMON OBJECTIONS PROGRAM 14-15**  
**The Pope, Holy Father:** Shows how the Pope is a spiritual father appointed by Christ to care for the Family of God on Earth. **Purgatory, Holy Fire:** Deals with the Catholic doctrine of purgatory  
[000006593 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Intermediate Theology*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: A CLOSER LOOK AT CHRIST'S CHURCH: ANSWERING COMMON OBJECTIONS PROGRAM 16-17**  
**Mary, Holy Mother:** Explains the Marian doctrines by turning to the bible. **Mary, Ark of the Covenant:** **\*\*Continues** with the examination of Mary and how she is prefigured in the Old

Testament.  
[000006594 S=A C=V] *Basic Scripture / Intermediate Scripture*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: A CLOSER LOOK AT CHRIST'S CHURCH: ANSWERING COMMON OBJECTIONS program 18-19 Saints, Holy Siblings:** Approaches the veneration of the Saints from a biblical perspective.  
**Eucharist, Holy Meal:** Brings to life the Biblical background of the Eucharist as a sacrifice and as the establishment of the  
New Covenant. [000006595 S=A C=V] *Basic Scripture / Intermediate Scripture*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: GROWTH BY OATH PROGRAM 20-21**  
**Introduction to the Meaning of a Sacrament.** Scott roots the Catholic understanding of sacrament in the Biblical conception of an oath. **Grace is For-Giving and For Getting:** explains the seven sacred oaths Involved in the  
Catholic Sacraments. [000006588 S=A C=V] *Basic Scripture / Intermediate Scripture*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: GROWTH BY OATH PROGRAM 22-23**  
**Signed, Sealed & Delivered:** Baptism & Confirmation: Deals with 2 sacraments through which human beings respond to the Devine promise of covenant by pledging themselves to God and Christ. **Communion as Reunion; \*\*The Eucharist:** Explains establishing the New Covenant  
[000006587 S=A C=V]  
*Basic Theology / Intermediate Theology*

268.434 AFF Video - Hahn, Scott & Kimberly - **CATHOLIC ADULT ED. VIDEO: THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROGRAM 24-25**  
**Holy Healing:** Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. Deals with how the Sacraments offer spiritual healing. **Going on Vocation; Marriage and the Holy Orders.** Shows how priesthood and marriage are both means for sanctification.  
[000006589 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Intermediate Theology*

AFF/LIFE DVD - Barron, Rev. Robert E. - **CONVERSION: FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST**  
Fr. Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one time event, but a life-long process. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence. This DVD shows the dynamics of conversion as they are displayed in six different Biblical stories. Throughout, he demonstrates how Christ invites us to an ever deeper participation in His life. The catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 1426 says, "This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us". In these six presentations, Fr. Barron explores the various dimensions of this conversion, this turning toward Jesus Christ.  
(000007423) (000007424) *Basic Theology Credit – 2 hours*

AFF/LIFE Video & Homework Bag - Vaverek, Rev. Gavin - **ECUMENISM AND OTHER RELIGIONS**

The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church and the relationship to Churches, Ecclesial communities, and other religions. A look at the oneness of the Church: Vatican II, Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches (Maronites, Byzantine Rite, etc.) Decree on Ecumenism (Orthodox, Lutherans, Baptists..) Declaration on the Relation to non-Christian Religions (Jews, Muslims,..)  
(000007229) (000007231) (000007232) *Advanced Theology Credit, 6 hours*

265.3 RE-V VIDEO - Franciscan Communications – **EUCCHARIST: CELEBRATING CHRIST PRESENT**

Offers a key to understanding the Eucharist which Catholics celebrate each Sunday. Adult, senior high  
[000005860 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Book - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST / PARTICIPANT BOOK**

Video faith formation series. A study of creed, moral teachings, grace, prayer, sacraments, worship and social matters. Participant book provides outlines for each of the thirty sessions.

[000003309 S=A C=0] [000003310 S=A C=0] [000003517 S=A C=0]  
[000006767 S=A C=0] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Book - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST / LEADER GUIDE**

A faith formation video series. Study of creed, moral teachings, grace, prayer, sacraments, worship, and social matters. The leaders guide informs about the process of using this series.

[000003311 S=A C=0] [000006768 S=A C=0] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Video - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHING OF CHRIST / INTRODUCTION, VIDEO #1**

Introduction by Bishop Donald W. Wuerl

[000002810 S=A C=V] [000003271 S=A C=V] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Video - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST, VIDEO #2 LESSONS 1-5**

1-Invitation to faith, 2-Seeking God, 3-God the Creator, 4-Images of God, 5-The mystery of evil

[000002809 S=A C=V] [000003304 S=A C=V] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Video - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST, VIDEO #3, LESSONS 6-11**

6-Who Jesus is, 7-Jesus' public life, 8-Mary, the mother of God, 9-Jesus died for us, 10-Jesus rose from the dead, \*\*11-The Holy Spirit

[000003305 S=A C=V] [000003853 S=A C=V] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Video - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST, VIDEO #4, LESSONS 12-17**

12-The Holy Trinity, 13-The Church, 14-Christ, the teacher, 15-Christ teaching today, 16-New Life, 17-Christ's plan for us

[000003301 S=A C=V] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Video - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST, VIDEO #5, LESSONS 18-23**

18-Conscience, 19-Virtues, 20-The gift of life, 21-Building a good and just society, 22-Vocations and ecumenism, 23-Prayer: private and liturgical

[000003302 S=A C=V] [000003307 S=A C=V] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

268.434 AFF/RCIA Video - Wuerl, Bishop Donald - **EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST, VIDEO #6, LESSONS 24-30**

24- Sacramental Life, 25-The Eucharist, 26-Priesthood, 27-Sacraments of Initiation, 28-The Sacraments of healing, 29-Christian Marriage, 30-The fulfillment of all.

[000003303 S=A C=V] [000003308 S=A C=V] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

AFF/RCIA Video & Guide - Linda Khirallah Porter, MTS - **GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: A CATECHETICAL PRESENTATION**

A Catechetical presentation on the General Instruction on the Roman Missal that is useful for parishes and missions to assist with the renewal of the Sacred Liturgy in the Diocese of Tyler.

[000006972, 6973, 7002] *Foundation LIFE / Basic Theology*

AFF/RCIA VIDEO BAG - Cavins, Jeff - **THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE, SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND SESSION 2 – EARLY WORLD** ©2004

Introduction; Shows the student how to read the books of the bible in historical sequence. Early World (Creation and Fall): outlines the 9 points about the creation story. 110 minutes

(000007069) *Basic Scripture*

265.6 RE-V VIDEO- Franciscan Communications – **GOD WHO RECONCILES, THE Catholic Update Video**

Addresses the topic of reconciliation with a look at the source of all forgiveness, our reconciling God.

[000005862 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology*

221 RE-V Video - A&E Television - **KING DAVID**

Chosen by God to be the next ruler of the world, David was a mere shepherd boy when he walked onto the field and slew the great Philistine giant, Goliath. He was a hero to his people and conqueror of the holy city of Jerusalem. He ruled peacefully for 40 years. But with one terrible mistake, a restless King David set into motion a string of tragedies that nearly destroyed his family and his kingdom. This program tells David's complete story, drawing on rare paintings and artifacts, interviews with experts and extensive visits to ancient holy lands.

(000007250) 50 minutes *L1 Foundation Life Credit*

248.83 RE-V Video - Paraclete Press - **LOVE IS PATIENT: SAVING SEX FOR MARRIAGE**

Sexual intimacy is a gift from God to be enjoyed within the marriage. But choosing to save sex for marriage is difficult for young people, especially in today's society. Young people need to know the many benefits of saving sex for marriage: it shows respect for oneself, one's sexuality, and one's relationships. It is an expression of love for God. Living with sexual integrity recognizes and respects the importance, value, and power of sex. The young people and counselors on *Love is Patient* share this message from their personal testimonies, letting viewers know that sexual abstinence before marriage is God's expectation for all of us, and that he will give us the grace to do it.

(000007398) 30 Minutes *Foundation Life Credit*

221 RE-V Video - A&E Video - **MOSES**

Born of Hebrew slaves and raised in the Pharaoh's courts, Moses performed some of the Old Testament's greatest miracles. Yet the man who freed his people from 2,000 years of bondage and received the Ten Commandments from God was often beset by self-doubt. How did Moses manage to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and through the wilderness of Sinai? This program tells the story of the Exodus in all its majesty, using abundant location footage, rare paintings and artifacts, and interviews with biblical experts.

100 minutes (000007251) *Foundation LIFE or Basic Scripture*

282.09 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: CHURCH**

Answers the question of what does it mean to be church? How does the Church continue Christ's presence in our World? What does "there is no salvation outside the church" really mean?

[000001213 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology*

231.044 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: TRINITY**

Clear and inspiring presentation of the doctrine of the Trinity

[000006023 S=O C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

232.1 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael **MYSTERY OF FAITH: INCARNATION**

Explains why Incarnation tells us as much about humanity as it tells us about God, and why unity with God demands reverence for humanity.

[000001183 S=A C=V] [000006040 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

234 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael **MYSTERY OF FAITH: SALVATION**

Renews the meaning of this traditional term and shows why social justice is essential to our salvation

[000001220 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

234.1 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: GRACE**

Helps us appreciate the presence of grace in all we do.

[000001184 S=O C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.1 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: BAPTISM**

Explores the awesome and mystical depth of the sacrament. Viewers will have a renewed appreciation of what a baptismal commitment really involves.

[000000377 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.3 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: EUCHARIST**

The Eucharist tells us what our destiny is. Shows why Eucharist expresses God's commitment to us in love.

[000001187 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.4 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: SACRAMENTS OF VOCATIONS**

Shows how matrimony symbolizes the deepest dimension of the God-human relationship. A new appreciation for \*\*the meaning of Holy Orders.

[000001218 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.6 RE-V VIDEO - Himes, Michael - **MYSTERY OF FAITH: RECONCILIATION**

See why reconciliation is more about the compassionate love of God than it is about sin.

[000001181 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

268 RE-V VIDEO - Hill, Brennan - **NEW CATECHISM: CATHOLIC FAITH TODAY, SESSIONS 1 & 2**

Series explores the content of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church. **Introduction.** Faith in God and Jesus \*\*Christ, part 1 sections 1&2.

[000000953 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

268 RE-V VIDEO - Hill, Brennan - **NEW CATECHISM: CATHOLIC FAITH TODAY, SESSIONS 3 & 4**

Series explores the content of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church. **The Spirit and the Church:** Part 1 \*\*section 2 chapter 3 of the Catechism. **Liturgy and Sacraments:** Part 2 sections 1 & 2 of the Catechism.

[000000954 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

268 RE-V VIDEO - Hill, Brennan - **NEW CATECHISM: CATHOLIC FAITH TODAY, SESSIONS 5 & 6**

Series explores the content of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church. **Morality and Social Justice:** Part 3 \*\*sections 1&2 of the Catechism. **Prayer and Spirituality:** Part 4, sections 1&2 of the Catechism.

[000000955 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

221 RE-V VIDEO - A&E Television - **NOAH**

With humanity perched on the brink of destruction, his righteousness saved the world. Every schoolchild knows the story of Noah's Ark and how he brought the world's animals on board "two by two". But what do we actually know about \*\*Noah the sailor, the vintner, the farmer, the healer – the holy man who is said to have lived for 950 years? This program \*\*creates a complete portrait of Noah, prophet of the Flood, using interviews with experts and historians, film footage from \*\*the region and rare paintings and artifacts.

(000007252) 50 minutes *Foundation LIFE / Basic Scripture*

AFF/LIFE - Vaverek, Rev. Gavin - **THE OLD TESTAMENT: SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE**

(000007246) (000007247) *Intermediate Theology 6 hours with homework*

221 RE-VIDEO - A&E Television - **SAMPSON & DELILAH**

Solomon was a warrior so mighty that armies fell before him. He was a Hebrew judge with terrifying strength and barbaric fury. Renowned for killing thousands he was tamed not by great armies of men, but by a Philistine courtesan, \*\*Delilah. Who was this mysterious woman who learned the secret of Samson's strength? Tells the dramatic story of love \*\*and betrayal, with abundant location footage, rare paintings, artifacts and interviews with experts and historians.

(000007253) 50 minutes *Foundation LIFE / Basic Scripture*

AFF/LIFE - Galipeau, Dr. Jerry - **SIGNS OF CONVERSION: SOWING THE SEEDS AND DISCERNING GROWTH**

The new National Directory for Catechesis places conversion at the center of catechesis: "Conversion to Christ involves making a genuine commitment to him and a personal decision to follow him as his disciple." Focuses on ways to facilitate and recognize God's work of conversion in the lives of adults and on ways to facilitate and recognize God's work of conversion in the lives of adults and children. A great opportunity to identify how stages of faith are recognized and to assist you in preparing appropriate sessions for handing on the faith in your parishes.

(000007248) (000007249) *Basic Catechetics without homework, 5 hours Intermediate or Advanced Catechetics with homework, 10 hours*

221 RE-VIDEO - A&E Television - **SOLOMON & SHEBA**

His understanding of human nature made him the wisest man of the ancient world. The son of David and Bathsheba, Solomon was a 12-year-old prodigy when he ascended to the throne of Israel. Asked by God what special gift he would need to rule, the boy asked for the ability to see into men's hearts. But for all his storied wisdom, his magnificent palace and his 700 wives, he remained a lonely and introspective man for much of his rule. Who was the mysterious queen who finally captured the king's heart? This program tells the fascinating story drawing on interviews with experts, rare paintings, artifacts, and extensive location visits.

(000007254) 50 minutes *Foundation LIFE / Basic Scripture*

282.09 RE-V VIDEO - History Channel - **THE STORY OF PAUL THE APOSTLE**

He was originally a powerful and implacable enemy of Jesus, determined to stop the spread of Christ's message. His dramatic conversion changed the course of history. From his education in Jerusalem under Rabbi Gamaliel to his exhortations on behalf of Christianity through the Mediterranean, the story of Paul the Apostle explores the life and legacy of the greatest missionary of the church. Theologians reflect on the importance of his upbringing to his success in spreading the Word, and in-depth analysis of his writings – some of the earliest Christian documents in existence, shed light not just on the origins of Christianity, but on the man who helped ensure its survival.

(000007245) 70 Minutes *Basic Scripture*

AFF / LIFE - Barron, Rev. Robert E. - **UNTOLD BLESSINGS: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS**

Paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The greatest calling for any of us is to be a saint. Our ultimate path to holiness is full of untold blessings.

Can be used for 2 hours Intermediate Theology with homework.

(000007388) (000007399) *Intermediate Theology*

232.91 RE-V VIDEO - History Channel - **VISIONS OF MARY**

The death of Jesus sparked the birth of a religion, but little is known about the woman who gave him life and witnessed his crucifixion. Who was Mary? What happened to her after Jesus died? In the two millennia following her death thousands have reported experiencing supernatural phenomena known as Marian apparitions – visits from Mary. Some say Mary reveals secrets and prophecies of global consequence. Additionally, signs and wonders confirming an apparition are said to occur. But can the seers' claims be authenticated? This special includes dramatic recreations of apparitions: archival footage and photos of historic apparitions; archival footage and photos of historic apparitions: and interview with religious and secular scholars and visionaries.

(000007248) 100 minutes *Basic Theology*

264.02 RE-V VIDEO - Franciscan Communicaion – **WALK THROUGH THE MASS, A**

Explores some of the meaning behind the celebration of Eucharist and takes a step by step look at the four principal \*\*parts of the mass.

[000005858 S=O C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

220 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE**

Questions and answers about the bible

[000002945 S=A C=V] [000006045 S=A C=V] [000006046 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Scripture / Foundation LIFE*

231.3 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Questions and answers about the Holy Spirit

[000002184 S=A C=V] [000006309 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

232 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS**

Questions and answers about Jesus Christ

[000002199 S=A C=V] [000002949 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

232.91 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT MARY AND THE SAINTS**

Questions and answers about Mary and the saints

[000002950 S=A C=V] [000006285 S=O C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

248.86 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE**

Questions and answers about death and the afterlife

[000002197 S=O C=V] [000002947 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

238.2 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE NEW CATECHISM**

Questions and answers about the new catechism

[000002196 S=O C=V] [000002946 S=A C=V] [000006287 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

242 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT PRAYER**

Questions and answers about prayer

[000002182 S=A C=V] [000002942 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

264.02 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE MASS**

Questions and answers about the mass

[000002937 S=O C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS**

Questions and answers about the sacraments

[000002195 S=O C=V] [000002939 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.2 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT CONFIRMATION**

Questions and answers about Confirmation

[000002936 S=A C=V] [000003468 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.1 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT BAPTISM**

Questions and answers about Baptism

[000000376 S=A C=V] [000002935 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.3 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE EUCHARIST**

Questions and answers about the Eucharist

[000002934 S=O C=V] [000003131 S=A C=V] [000006310 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265.6 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT RECONCILIATION**

Questions and answers about reconciliation

[000002200 S=O C=V] [000002938 S=A C=V] [000006288 S=A C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

282.09 RE-V VIDEO - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE CHURCH**

Questions and answers about the church

[000002932 S=L C=V] [000002933 S=O C=V] ] *Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE*

265 Video Spanish - Aymes, Maria de la C – **LOS SACRAMENTOS / 1 / SACRAMENTOS, FRUTOS DEL AMOR DE DIOS,**

Introduction to the Sacraments

[000003004 S=A C=V] [000004441 S=A C=V] [000004920 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265 Video Spanish - Aymes, Maria de la C – **LOS SACRAMENTOS / 4 / LA CONFIRMACION Y RECONCILIACION**

Sacrament of Confirmation and Reconciliation

[000004440 S=A C=V] [000004921 S=A C=V] [000005132 *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265 RE-V Video - Harcourt Religion Pub. - **"SACRAMENTS: CELEBRATIONS OF GOD'S LIFE"**

Presents the seven rites of the Catholic sacraments. Good for jr. high, high school, adults preparing for sacraments, \*\*good as a review. Rituals are demonstrated and scripture is used with each sacrament. 45 Min

[000006375 *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265 RE-V Video - Tueth, Fr. Michael - **"WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT: THE SACRAMENTS"**

Questions and answers about the sacraments

[000002195 S=A C=V] [000002939 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

AFF/LIFE VIDEO Bag - Vithanage, Rev. Denzil - **WORLD RELIGIONS**

Covers Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam

(000007403) (000007415) *Intermediate or Advanced LIFE, 6 hours*

265.1 RE-V Video - Sacramental Life of - **"BORN IN CHRIST: BAPTISM"**  
the Church

[000005487 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265.1 Video Spanish - Aymes, Maria de la C – **LOS SACRAMENTOS / 2 / BAUTISMO, SEMELLA, PROMESA DE ABUNDANTES FRUTOS**

The sacrament of baptism

[000003001 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265.1 RE-V Video Series - Himes, Michael - **" MYSTERY OF FAITH, THE / BAPTISM "**

Explores the awesome and mystical depth of the sacrament. Viewers will have a renewed appreciation of what a baptismal commitment really involves.

[000000377 S=A C=V] *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265.3 Video Spanish - Aymes, Maria de la C - **LOS SACRAMENTOS / 3 / LA EUCHARISTIA**

Sacraments--Eucharist

[000003000 [000004439 [000004922 *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265.4 Video Spanish - Tabor Publications - **LOS SACRAMENTOS / ORDEN SACDERDOTAL**

**Priesthood. Sacrament of Holy Orders** *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

[000002965 S=A C=V]

265.4 Video Spanish - Aymes, Maria de la C – **LOS SACRAMENTOS / 6 / ORDENES**

**SAGRADAS, ELEGIDOS PARA SERVIR**

Sacraments of Holy Orders

[000001175 *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265.4 RE-V Video Series - Himes, Michael - **"THE MYSTERY OF FAITH /SACRAMENTS OF VOCATIONS"**  
Shows how matrimony symbolizes the deepest dimension of the God-human relationship. A new appreciation for \*\*the meaning of Holy Orders.

[000001218     *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

265.6 RE-V Video Series - Franciscan Communica - **"CHURCH CELEBRATES THE RECONCILING GOD, THE"**  
Catholic Update Video Series

Focuses on the history, theology, and practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

[000005935     *Basic Theology/ Foundation LIFE*

Echoes of Faith Video Series : Doctrinal Tapes with participant booklets (4 hours required to adequately complete each module)

1. I Believe We Believe
2. Prayer and Spirituality
3. Liturgy and Sacraments
4. Catholic Morality
5. Introduction to Scriptures

*Basic Theology / Basic Scripture / Foundation LIFE*

DeSales Scripture Series: Video with participant booklets -

1. Story of Old Testament Covenant (Basic Scripture / Foundation LIFE)
2. The Living Gospels (Basic Scripture / Foundation LIFE)
3. The Writings of St. Paul ( Basic Scripture / Foundation LIFE)
4. Basic Tools for Bible Study ( Basic Scripture / Foundation LIFE)
5. Our Catholic Creed ( Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE)
6. Our Baptismal Covenant With Christ ( Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE)
7. Our Celebration of the Eucharist (Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE)
8. Christian Morality and Forgiveness (Basic Theology / Foundation LIFE)

Intermediate Theology

Video: "Morality / Conscience" – Father Gavin Vaverek, JCL July 2005  
(packet with instructions and video on request from OFF)

Advanced Theology

Video: "Early Church Fathers" Father Timothy Kelly July, 2005  
(packet with instructions and video on request from OFF)

Advanced / Intermediate Theology:

Video – "Seeking the Face of Christ: Call to Holiness" Father Timothy Vaverek, STD. March/April 2005.  
(packet with instructions and video on request from OFF)

Advanced / Intermediate Theology

Video – "Ecumenism and Other Religions" Father Gavin Vaverek, JCL September, 2005  
(packet with instructions and video on request from OFF)

Intermediate or Advanced Catechetics:

Video - "The Adult Learner: Teaching the Goals" Linda Khirallah Porter, MTS December 3, 2005

(Packet with instructions and video on request from OFF)

Intermediate Theology

DVD - "Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness" copyright 2005 Rev. Robert Barron 3 hours IT with assignment

Intermediate or Advanced LIFE

Video = "World Religions" - Father Denzil Vithanage, SSS. Summer, 2005 (video, packet and guide from OFF)

## Credits for Previous Work

### *Candidates with Academic Theology Degrees*

An Advanced LIFE Certificate is granted to persons who have completed a Masters in Religious Education, or a BA or MA in Religious Studies or in Theology, provided at least 30 hours of continuing workshops / courses in the areas of study have been completed within the last 5 years. (2001)

**Requirement:** A copy of the transcript and a list of workshops completed since the degree was achieved.

### *Catechist Certificates from Other Dioceses*

Catechists who hold a certificate in catechetics from another diocese may submit a copy of the certificate to the Office of Faith Formation. The certificate will be considered for “endorsement” for the Diocese of Tyler upon evaluation and dialogue with the Diocesan Director of Faith Formation and the Pastor/FFL in the parish.

**Requirement:** A copy of the certificate with an explanation of number of hours and course content which was satisfied to complete the certificate.

### *Candidates with Previous Work Courses*

Courses or workshops successfully completed within the last 5 years (2000) may be submitted for evaluation for endorsement credit. Parish Directors of Religious Education may submit requests for specific levels of endorsements for catechists based on experience and work. Additionally, LIFE credits may be requested based on content and level of study if they satisfy the guidelines which define each level.

**Requirement:** A written petition for evaluation should be submitted for all previous work. This should include course title, description, instructor, location, date, length, format and a brief paragraph as to its significance in requesting credits.

LIFE (Lifelong Individual Faith Enrichment)

Format for Intermediate / Advanced LIFE courses

For courses not

sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation

The instructor should complete this form and submit it to Office of Faith Formation for approval BEFORE the session is scheduled or publicity is done for the credits. This form is for those parishes or missions who wish to submit approval for Intermediate and Advanced LIFE credit which are not sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation.

The Office of Faith Formation has developed courses for Foundation, Basic, and Intermediate courses. The outline format for those courses for the instructor are available on another form.

LIFE Level: Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced LIFE \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

Title of Course or Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Location of Class or Session: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Topic length: Intermediate and Advanced are to be at least **9** contact session hours with **6** hours outside work required since continuity and expansion of the material needs to be a priority unless otherwise approved prior to the session. \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Rationale: indicate a quote from a specified document giving a reason for the course: CCC. Scripture, Vatican II documents, GIRM, etc.

V. Learning Objectives: list at least three (upon completion of this course the participants should be able to:

1.

2.

3.

VI. Course schedule: include dates and time: \_\_\_\_\_

VII. Resources: list all materials, include copy of handouts returned with this form or returned after the session is completed.

VIII. Level and number of credits you are seeking request for this course:

IX. Include a copy of the Assignment given for each level: i.e. questions, reflection instructions, reading, etc.

X. Additional information (You may attach additional sheets if necessary)

XI. Optional: If the professor wants to have the session videotaped, he / she may do so and send us a copy for the library along with the assignment instructions. Instructions for others to get credit would be to watch the video with at least one other person, preferably a group, do the assignments, pay \$10 for the service as we will have to send the assignment off for evaluation to a presenter. The presenter will receive a stipend for grading the papers.

July, 2006

**Appendix 1 Application for LIFE / Catechetical Credits      Effective August, 2006**

Dates of Sessions:

Name of Course:

Level offered:

Max. Number of credits:

Location offered:

Presenter/Catechist:

The following list MUST be typed and must be alphabetized by LAST NAME. Complete address and parish must be included:

Name of Participant Address (include city/zip code) Parish	Level:	Credit:
--	--------	---------

\* This sheet is the official listing for credits, It must be signed by the person responsible for the session and submitted in a timely fashion to the Office of Faith Formation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Title:

***Application for Catechist Endorsement - Effective August, 2006***

**July, 2006**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name:

Address: ( include city, state, zip)

Phone:

Parish:

Date:

Circle the endorsement level you are requesting:

Beginning    Basic    Intermediate    Advanced    Renewal    Christian Initiation    PRE

Please check the following list for each requirement:

**Beginning Catechist Endorsement:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 12 hours Foundation LIFE Level (L1)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Getting Started as a Catechist (Echoes) (E1)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Role of the Catechist (Echoes) (E2)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Person of the Catechist (Echoes) (E3)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Introduction to the Learner (Echoes) (E4)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum Guide Training (Faith Formation Video three segments) (CG)
7. Methods for Grade level (one of the following) (E5)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Grades 1,2
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Grades 3,4
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Grades 5,6
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Grades 7,8
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Acceptance Certificate for Service -(ACS) - Date \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed one year of teaching religion (TE)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Faith Enrichment (FE)

**Basic Catechist Endorsement:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of the Beginning Catechist Endorsement
2. 15 hours Basic Theology study (BT)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6 hours Sacraments (BT)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6 hours Church (BT)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours elective (BT)
3. 15 hours Basic Scripture study (BS)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6 hours Old Testament (BS)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6 hours New Testament (BS)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours elective (BS)

**July, 2006**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Faith Enrichment (FE)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 15 hours Basic Catechetics (C2)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed two years of teaching religion (TE)

**Intermediate Catechist Endorsement:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of Basic Catechist Endorsement
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 15 hours Intermediate Theology study (IT)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 15 hours Intermediate Scripture study (IS)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Faith Enrichment (FE)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 12 hours Intermediate Catechetics (C3)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed three years of teaching religion (TE)

**Advanced Catechist Endorsement:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of Intermediate Catechist Endorsement
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 hours of Advanced Catechetics (C4)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 40 hours of Advanced Theology (AD)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Faith Enrichment (FE)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of four years of teaching religion (TE)

**Christian Initiation Catechist:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of Beginning Endorsement
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of Basic Endorsement
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum Guide Training (3 hours)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance at a diocesan sponsored formation session for CI annually as long as you are actively catechizing in this process.

**Renewal of Advanced Endorsement:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 hours within a three year period following endorsement date.

**Professional Religious Educator:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ three years as Administrator of Catechetical Program
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Formal systematic theological program
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment Instrument (scheduled with Director of Office of Faith Formation)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ General Work toward PRE (total hours submitted)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person requesting endorsement

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

Return to: Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Tyler, 1015 ESE Loop 323 Tyler, Texas 75701

## **Appendix 2- Credits listed in Chronological Order**

July, 2006

Edited July, 2006

Office of Faith Formation---Diocese of Tyler

First Issued: June 1, 1996

Updated: through December, 2006

**Effective August, 2006 any credits turned in for endorsement must be in agreement with the new requirements issued in this handbook.**

**CRITERIA AND EXPLANATIONS FOR CREDITS FOR ENDORSEMENTS:** Please note only credits from the year 2001 on will be accepted for endorsement. Listed below are the workshops the diocese has held from 2001 -present and the number of credit hours to be assigned for them. **Training beyond 5 years will not be credited. The Echoes of Faith are the exception to the five year rule.** Other training within your parish or outside the diocese may be credited. If you have questions please call me.

**Please note: All Discipleship Conference, Ministries Conference, sponsored by the diocese since 2001 will only count for PRE. They will not count for any other credits.**

**Group I: Sponsored by Diocese of Tyler**

**2001**

\_\_\_ Feb. 24, 2001 Time and Worship Study Day Cathedral. 4 hours credits doctrine

\_\_\_ March 3, 2001 Volunteer Workshop Skills Development PRE credit 5 hours Cathedral

\_\_\_ Summer and Fall Catechist Camp Days: 6 hours credit for each day Basic Catechetics

\_\_\_ June 16, 2001 Chancery

\_\_\_ July 14, 2001 Chancery

\_\_\_ July 21, 2001 St. Mary's Longview

\_\_\_ Nov. 3, 2001 Texarkana

\_\_\_ August 4, 2001 DRE Inservice Day, PRE credit for 6 hours

\_\_\_ August 11, 2001 Ministries Conference at Kilgore College, 5 hours in PRE

\_\_\_ Oct. 20, 2001 DRE/ Youth Ministers Retreat Day (Personal Faith Enrichment Credit) Pines Camp

\_\_\_ Nov. 17, 2001 St. Mary's Longview, Carey Landry Music Workshop for catechists, dres, musicians. 3 hours credit for C2

\_\_\_ Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2001 General Instruction on the Roman Missal by Father Timothy Vaverek, Cathedral Center, Tyler, 5 hours credit for PRE, or Basic Theology.

**2002**

\_\_\_ March 2, 2002, Legal Issues Workshop PRE credit 5 hours.

## **July, 2006**

\_\_\_\_\_ June 1, 2002 Orientation for Christian Initiation Teams. Cathedral Center, Tyler 5 BT

\_\_\_\_\_ June 22, 2002 Summer Catechist Camp, Tyler Chancery, 6 hours credit towards BT or C2

\_\_\_\_\_ July, 2002 LIFE classes at St. Mary's Longview, Doctrine hours offered depending on which courses taken. Foundation, Basic, Intermediate, Advanced.

\_\_\_\_\_ July 27, 2002 Curriculum Guide Training Chancery Tyler 6 hours for new and veteran users. PRE and or C2.

\_\_\_\_\_ August 3, 2002 DRE In Service Day 6 hours PRE credit Cathedral

\_\_\_\_\_ September 14, 2002 Fall Catechist Camps, Tyler, Texarkana, St. Patrick's, Lufkin 6 hours in Catechetics or Theology. Focus on sacramental preparation.

\_\_\_\_\_ October 25, 26, 2002 Annual Ministries Conference Sheraton Hotel. "Put Your Nets Out to the Deep" focus on liturgy and sacramental catechesis and Christian initiation. 5 hours for Friday, 5 hours Saturday.

## **2003**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall, 2002, Spring, 2003 Pre Professional Ministry Program courses. Two in catechetics and three in theology. Depending on which one taken; credits depend on contact hours. See flyer for details.

\_\_\_\_\_ November 9, 2002 St. Mary's Longview, 2<sup>nd</sup> series in Workshops for Christian Initiation Teams, 5 hours credit toward BT.

\_\_\_\_\_ February 8, 2003 St. Mary's, Longview, 3<sup>rd</sup> series in Workshops for Christian Initiation Teams. 5 hours credit toward BT.

\_\_\_\_\_ March 13, 2003, Thursday, DRE/Youth Community Building Retreat Pine Cove, focus on Maintaining Professional Balance (skills series booklet) and retreat. Personal Faith Enrichment credit.

\_\_\_\_\_ June 14, 2003 Summer Camp Day Ministries "Code of Ethics" 9-12 ; Curriculum Guide Training 1-4 3 hours CG Cathedral Center.

\_\_\_\_\_ July 19, 2003 Summer Camp Day for Ministries focus on Baptismal Catechesis 9-4 Basic Catechetics (6 hours) Cathedral Center.

\_\_\_\_\_ July 26, 2003 Summer Camp Day for Ministries: Liturgical Catechesis for Basic Catechetics. (6 hours) Chancery

\_\_\_\_\_ August 2, 2003 DRE In Service Day - Cathedral Center 9:00 - 4:00 Professional Religious Educator Endorsement only (6 hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ September 13, 2003 Fall Camp Day for Ministries Tyler, Texarkana, Nacogdoches: "Code of Ethics" - 9-12; Endorsement Procedure - 1-4 Beginning Catechetics or Basic Catechetics (6 hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ October 24, 25, 2003 Ministries Conference Sheraton Hotel, Theme: Sacrosanctum Concilium. (10 possible credits for both days)

## **July, 2006**

\_\_\_\_ November 8, 2003 Christian Initiation Training Phase II: Session II Longview, 9:30 - 3:30 (5 HOURS) Basic Theology or specialization credits for Intermediate Catechetics

\_\_\_\_ November 15, 2003 DRE IN Service Day: Ideas for the Liturgical Year, Cathedral Center, 9-4 (6 hours) PRE

## **2004**

\_\_\_\_ February 7, 2004 Christian Initiation Teams Phase II: Session III St. Mary's Longview 9:30 - 3:30 (5 hours toward Basic Theology ) or specialization credits for Intermediate Catechetics.

\_\_\_\_ March 13, 2004 DRE/Youth Minister Retreat Formation Day Linda Porter's, home, 6 hours PRE credits

\_\_\_\_ June 5, 2004 Christian Initiation Teams Phase III: Session II St. Mary's Longview 9:30 - 3:30 (5 hours toward Basic Theology ) or specialization credits for Intermediate Catechetics. Topic: Matrimony and Tribunal

\_\_\_\_ June 19, 2004 and July 24, 2004 Advanced and Intermediate Catechetics Kathy Gregory "Family Liturgical Catechesis and Liturgical Year" 21 hours total. Only one day receives Basic Catechetics 6 hours.

\_\_\_\_ August 7, 2004 Faith Formation Leaders' In Service day Cathedral Center PRE 6 hours

\_\_\_\_ October 22, 23, 2004 - Discipleship Conference Holiday Inn Select "Lumen Gentium" - 5 hours

\_\_\_\_ November 12, 2004 Dr. Jerry Galipeau Musician workshop Cathedral Center PRE

\_\_\_\_ November 13, 2004 Dr. Jerry Galipeau "Mystagogical Catechesis at the Heart of the Catechumenate" - Phase III, Session II, St. Mary's Longview 5 hours. BT.

## **2005**

\_\_\_\_ January 15, 2005 Faith Formation Leader In Service Formation Day "Liturgical Year" Cathedral Center 10:00 - 4:00 - Basic or Intermediate Theology

\_\_\_\_ January 29, 2005 Christian Initiation Training Session Phase III, Session III Topic: Father Bruce Nieli, Jesuit - "Evangelization" BT 6 hours

\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Retreats for candidates and their sponsors ( Spanish only) Feb. 26, 2005 and March 12, 2005 Personal Faith Enrichment only.

\_\_\_\_ March 12, April 9, 2005 Advanced Theology Credits 12 hours. "Call to Holiness" Seminar presented by Reverend Timothy Vaverek. Cathedral Center Tyler 9-12 both days.

\_\_\_\_ April 17, April 24, April 30, 2005 - Catholic Formation on Mary In Spanish 4 credits toward Basic Theology

\_\_\_\_ April 23, 2005 Sacramental Workshop in Spanish - 9-4 PM Chancery, 6 hours toward Basic Catechetics or Basic Theology.

\_\_\_\_ June 4, 2005 Parish Christian Initiation Team Training Bishop TK Gorman - 6 hours Basic Theology or Personal Faith Enrichment or PRE

## July, 2006

\_\_\_\_\_ June 11, 2005 Curriculum Guide Training Cathedral 3 hours CG.

\_\_\_\_\_ August 6, 2005 Faith Formation Leaders In Service Day Cathedral Center 9:00 - 4:00 (6 hours) PRE.

\_\_\_\_\_ August 20, 2005 and September 17, 2005 - Catechist Camps at the Cathedral Center, Tyler. Both days - C3 or C4 12 credits or 6 credits for C2 for one day.

\_\_\_\_\_ October 21, 22, 2005 Discipleship Conference Focus: "Jesus the Revealing Word of God" Dei Verbum 5 hours credit per day.

\_\_\_\_\_ January - December, 2005 - IRPS Faith Formation Classes in Longview with University of Dallas professors. AD Advanced Theology or IT Intermediate Theology or IS Intermediate Scripture (15 hours per course):

_____ Synoptic Gospels	IS or AD	_____ Christology	IT or AD
_____ Christian Anthropology	IT or AD	_____ Homiletics	(no credit)
_____ U.S. Church History	IT or AD	_____ Psalms, etc.	IS or AD
_____ Ministry in the Church	FE	_____ Intro to Canon Law	(no credit)

\_\_\_\_\_ December 3, 2005 The Adult Learner - presented by Linda Porter 6 hours C3 or C4 if homework was satisfied; otherwise 3 hours C2.

## 2006

\_\_\_\_\_ January - May 2006 Confirmation Prior to First Eucharist Formation Days - 6 hours General Work Toward PRE only.

\_\_\_\_\_ January 20, 2006 Dallas National Directory for Catechesis Training - 6 hours for C2 or PRE.

\_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 25, 2006 - Parish Christian Initiation formation day - TK Gorman - BT or C2 or PRE - 5 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ May 6, 2006 - St. Anthony'; Longview, Evangelization Workshop - Personal Faith Enrichment or PRE. 6 hours

\_\_\_\_\_ July 14, 2006 = Dr. Jerry Galipeau - Choosing Songs for Seasons - PRE - 4 hours

\_\_\_\_\_ July 15, 2006 - Dr. Jerry Galipeau - Catechist Camp "Signs of Conversion..." 6 hours C2 if attending only; homework assignment C3 or C4.

\_\_\_\_\_ August 5, 2006 FFL In Service - PRE only 6 hours

\_\_\_\_\_ August 19, 2006 =Catechist Camp Spanish 6 hours C2.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2006 IRPS Courses St. Mary's Longview - 12 hours Basic unless taking for credit then IT, IS or Advanced LIFE.

_____ Canon Law of Marriage	(IT or AD LIFE)
_____ Apocalyptic Literature	(IS or AD LIFE)

**July, 2006**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ecclesiology (IT or AD LIFE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discipleship Conference - Holiday Inn Tyler - . (5 hours per day - two day conference) - Oct. 27, 28.

**July, 2006**

**Group II: Outside the Diocese of Tyler**

\_\_\_ Basic Formation for Catechetical Leadership, Study Week, sponsored by Diocese of Galveston-Houston. These hours can be credited toward **Professional Religious Educator Endorsement, 30** beyond Advanced Level; C3, C4.

\_\_\_ SWLC Diocese of Victoria, January 17-20, 2001 (10-12 hours of workshops credit hours. liturgy/doctrine

\_\_\_ NCCL, 2001 Buffalo New York, April 29-May 3. 10-15 hours of credit hours in catechetics or administration (PRE)

\_\_\_ RCIA workshop on Rural Parishes, Nov. 3, 2001 6 hours credit PRE/theology credits Louisiana

\_\_\_ Jan. 4-5 2002 Hoffinger Catechetical Conference New Orleans, (10-12 hours) Catechetics credit.

\_\_\_ Jan. 8-10, 2002 Texas Catholic Conference DRE workshop Houston (10-12 ) hours PRE

\_\_\_ Jan. 16-19, 2002 SWLC liturgical conference Colorado Springs. RCIA / Liturgy (10 hours theology)

\_\_\_ Jan. 26, 2002 Human Sexuality Catechesis workshop Bryan Texas 5 hours catechetics or PRE

\_\_\_ Feb. 2, 2002 - 6 hours credit PRE/liturgy/RCIA Alexandria Workshop on RCIA Mystagogia.

\_\_\_ Feb. 4-6, 2002, Pine Cove Conference Vocation Region X conference .(10 hours PRE)

\_\_\_ Feb. 15-17, 2002 Los Angeles Catechetical Congress (10-12 )hours PRE/ or catechetics Anaheim California.

\_\_\_ April 2-5, 2002 New Jersey, NCEA/NPCD conference (10-12) hours catechetics or PRE

\_\_\_ April 14-18, 2002 Jacksonville, Florida, NCCL conference (10-12 hours) PRE/ catechetics

\_\_\_ August 24, 2002 Dallas Catechetical Conference 5 hours Catechetics.

\_\_\_ January 3, 4, 2003 Hofinger Conference in New Orleans (10-12 hour) catechetics on Beginning or Basic level, or PRE.

\_\_\_ January 15-18, 2003 Southwest Liturgical Conference “40 years on the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” Liturgy/RCIA - Theology credits (10 hours) for attending all workshop sessions and keynotes.

\_\_\_ April 22-25, 2003 NPCD (National Parish Catechetical Directors) “Dream by the River, Faithful Past, Faith-filled Future” - St. Louis, Mo. (10-12 Hours) Catechetics or PRE.

\_\_\_ May 4-8, 2003 St. Paul Minnesota, (NCCL) National Conference of Catechetical Leadership, “Rooted in Hope, Leading With Vision” - (10-12) hours Catechetics or PRE.

\_\_\_ April. May NCCL or NPCD 2004 or 2005 - 10 - 12 hours Catechetics or PRE

\_\_\_ January 2005 SWLC Dallas - Basic Theology depending on how many workshops attended.

**July, 2006**

\_\_\_\_ April, May NCCL or NPCD 2005 - 10 12 hours Catechetics or PRE

\_\_\_\_ May 12, 2005 Whole Community Catechesis Workshop Houston C2 - 6 hours

\_\_\_\_ NCEA or NCCL offered in any years are credited by workshop only. C2 or PRE credit can be given; must be entered by topic and speaker.

\_\_\_\_ SWLC conference weeks also are BT or PRE depending on which ones attended. Must be listed by topic and speaker.

**July, 2006**

**Group III: Parish or group training or study within the Diocese of Tyler**

\_\_\_\_ Any parish in service day, or parish training session may be submitted for credit. Date, speaker, and topic are NECESSARY FOR CREDIT. These may be submitted only for C2, PRE, or FE.

\_\_\_\_ Bible study either Little Rock Scripture or DeSales Series can be counted for scripture or theology credit depending on the book studied. However only one time 16 credit can be allowed. Every additional text studied in a series will be given an additional 3 hour credit. This is to provide diversity in study,

\_\_\_\_ Personal Faith Enrichment experiences are essential for catechetical endorsement. Retreat, marriage encounter, cursillo, prayer group, mission, or some other form of faith growth is required one per year for each level.

\_\_\_\_ Attendance a doctrine based RCIA program for one year is comparable to the 12 hours of the Basic Elements of the Christian Message Course. Dates must be submitted for the L1 credit and location (city or parish).

\_\_\_\_ All parish doctrine or theology or scripture classes must submit Application for LIFE Credit sheet for credits toward endorsement.

\*\*This list is not to be exhaustive.

Sincerely,

Linda Khirallah Porter, Diocesan Director of Office of Faith Formation

July, 2006

**LIFE (Lifelong Individual Faith Enrichment)  
Office of Faith Formation  
1994- present**

Foundation LIFE

Course: (12 hours)

Basic Elements of the Christian Message Course: six two hour topics

Revelation, Trinity, Church, Mary / Saints, Sacraments, Grace / Morality

Basic LIFE (1994-2006)

Courses: (number of hours varies depending on instructor and location)

1. Encountering the Divine: Introduction to the Sacraments
2. The Budding Forth of the Kingdom: The Church
3. Opening the Word: The Scriptures
4. Discipleship Course
5. Prayer and Meditation
6. Apocalypse
7. Catechism of the Catholic Church
8. God's Self Revelation - Our Response in Faith
9. Witness to Holiness
10. A Way of Life: Call to Holiness
11. Scripture: Book of Revelation
12. Theology: Social Justice
13. Prayer in the Christian Life
14. Theology of Vatican II
15. Gospel of John
16. Apologetics
17. Full Participation in the Liturgy
18. Connecting the Beatitudes to the Ten Commandments
19. Proverbs
20. Inside the Vatican
21. Scripture: Journey Through the Bible
22. Violence and Culture
23. Mystagogical Catechesis
24. Call to Holiness Series
25. Acts of the Apostles
26. Morality: Proclamation of the Gospel in a Secular World
27. Celebrating the Gift of the Sacraments
28. Sacraments, Sign and Symbols - July 2005
29. Old Testament, Scripture - July 2005

Intermediate: Courses: (1994-2005)

## July, 2006

1. Christology (15 hours)
2. Prayer, the Eucharist, the Spiritual Life (15 hours)
3. Morality and Formation of Conscience (15 hours)
4. Mary in the New Testament (15 hours)
5. Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hours)
6. Synoptic Gospels (6 hours)
7. Early Church Fathers (6 hours)
8. Eucharist and Life (6 hours)
9. Living the Liturgical Life (6 hours)
10. Praying With the Psalms (6 hours)
11. Biblical Family (6 hours)
12. Character and Virtue (6 hours)
13. Writings of St. Ambrose
14. Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament
15. Death, Judgment, Hell (6 Hours)
16. Infancy Narratives
17. Prayer and Devotions
18. Scott Hahn Video Adult Education Series
19. Morality and Conscience - 12 hours - July 2005
20. Parables - (6 hours) July 2005
21. Creed - (6 hours ) July 2005
22. Mary as Model of the Church, (Fall, 2005) 6 hours

## Advanced (depending on the number of contact hours and outside assignments) 1994-2005

- 
1. Epistles of Paul
  2. Pope John Paul II's Vision of the Human Person/Character
  3. Gospel of John
  4. U.S. Catholic Experience
  5. Practical Apologetics
  6. Dead Sea Scrolls
  7. John Paul II and His Unfolding Message to the World
  8. Deuterocanonical Books
  9. Sacraments
  10. The Holy Spirit - Unbounded Gift of Joy
  11. The Passion
  12. Vatican II - The Sacred Liturgy
  13. Making the Eucharist Matter
  14. Call to Holiness: Seeking the Face of Christ (Fr. Timothy) March/April, 2005
  15. Early Church Fathers, (6 Hours) July 2006
  16. World Religions - ( 6 hours) July 2005
  17. Judeo-Christian Heritage - (12 hours) July 2005
  18. Ecumenism and Other Religions - (7 hours ) September, 2005

**July, 2006**

Advanced : (20 hours credit per course)

Professional Ministry Program (1997-2002)

1. Ecclesiology
2. Vatican II Documents
3. Theology: Sources and Methods
4. Church History
5. Spiritual Theology
6. New Testament Paul
7. Old Testament Prophets
8. Old Testament - Torah
9. New Testament - Synoptics
10. Liturgy and Worship
11. Old Testament - Writings
12. New Testament - John
13. Homiletics
14. Pastoral Counseling
15. Canon Law
16. Mary
17. Social Justice in Action
- 18.. Practical Liturgical Ministry
19. New Testament - Catholic Epistles
20. New Testament - Revelation
21. Theology of Marriage
22. Theology of Sacraments
23. Moral Theology

Pre-Professional Ministry Program (2002-2003)

Courses:

1. The Evolution of a Church
2. Living the Sacred: Sacraments in Action
3. Morality: Rooted in Scripture, Love, and the Human Experience

\*\*Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies (University of Dallas ) and Diocese of Tyler  
(15 hours Advanced or Intermediate Theology or Scripture if taking for credit; otherwise  
Basic LIFE credit depending on number of contact hours in class.

Fall 2003, Spring, 2004

1. Introduction to Scripture
2. Philosophy I
3. Philosophy II
4. Vatican II
5. Introduction to Morality
6. Introduction to Theology
7. Church History

## July, 2006

Fall 2004, Spring, 2005

1. Sacred Art and Architecture
2. Pentateuch
3. History of Liturgy
4. Fundamental Theology
5. Christian Anthropology
6. Synoptic Gospels
7. US Catholic Church History

Fall-2005, Spring-2006

1. Christology
2. Psalms, Prophets, Wisdom
3. Introduction to Canon Law
4. Trinitarian Theology
5. Pauline Letters
6. Christian Initiation
7. Catholic Social Teaching

Fall 2006 - Spring, 2007

1. Apocalyptic Literature
2. Canon Law of Marriage
3. Ecclesiology
4. Sacraments
5. Social Ministerial Ethics
6. Johannine Literature
7. Liturgical Praxis

### Spirituality Sessions: (Personal Faith Enrichment)

Walking in the Footsteps of the Saints

Introduction to Spirituality (IRPS)

Scriptural Prayer

Evangelizing as Responding to the Holy Spirit in the Church,

World, and the Soul

Homiletics I (IRPS)

Homiletics II (IRPS)

**July, 2006**

Appendix 4 - TCCED Requirements is available at the Catholic Schools Office of Superintendent

July, 2006

## **Appendix 5 - Guidelines for Vacation Bible School Personnel**

Whether a person is a volunteer, a catechist, or a paid professional, any person working with children under the age of 18 in a formal parish program should follow guidelines for catechists who are working toward endorsement.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is understood to be any program offered outside the regular school year. It is often not part of the regular Religious Education classes offered in the parish. It is understandable that many of the individuals involved in such a program may be parents who help out only in the VBS, however, since it is a parish sponsored program, the parish is ultimately responsible for the individuals behavior to whom these children are entrusted. The parish and the parents also need to know that our faith is well presented in the VBS program. It is with these concerns in mind that the following guidelines are recommended for vacation bible school personnel.

1. There should be at least two adults present in the room during every session for children under the age of 18.
2. All personnel working with children under Age 18 should have attended a session on Legal Issues Training sponsored by the Diocese of Tyler and fulfill the requirement connected with legal issues in the Beginning Endorsement section of this manual.
3. It is recommended that all VBS personnel view the Echoes of Faith series for “Getting Started as a Catechist” the “Role of the Catechist” and the “Person of the Catechist.” These tapes offer the individual ideas and suggestions for a leader of faith with children and would be most helpful.
4. If the individual is an active endorsed catechist he/she may have responsibility for a session of children unsupervised.
5. If the individual is not endorsed he/she must be supervised by an endorsed catechist or the DRE or the CRE in the parish.
6. The DRE/CRE should sign a statement qualifying VBS personnel if they are not endorsed catechists and send it to the Diocese of Tyler Office of Religious Education.
7. Materials and resources are available in the Diocesan Resource Library. It is vital that materials used for VBS be approved by the DRE/CRE or pastor before using in a parish program. There are many non Catholic materials available that are helpful, while some others are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.