



Aquinas
Catechetical
Institute
2011

September 1st & 2nd, 2011 • 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
St. Peter Catholic School • Monument, CO

Synopses for Aquinas Catechetical Institute-2011

Introductory Level (First and second year teachers in the diocese or those who have not completed BASIC certification)

Spirituality & Prayer and Liturgy& Sacraments- Fr. Don Dilg

Through reflection on the experience of the community of faith-in Scripture, in the teachings of the Church, and in personal histories- these sessions will explore the meaning of Catholic Spirituality, and how it is lived and shaped through the prayer of the Church, the Liturgy. They will especially examine the Sacraments as the center of Catholic liturgy and life. Participants will be invited to share their own experience and understanding of their journeys of faith.

Advanced Level (For those who have completed BASIC certification)

Prayer and Spirituality-

Prayer is a Two- Way Street- Bishop Hanifen and Frannie Rose

This class will involve a guided discussion on the nature of prayer as a way of listening for God's voice in our lives. The hunger for a deeper spiritual life increases in our adults and can be fostered in younger hearts as well. The use of daily journaling can open our lives to active listening for god thorough the events of our lives and the prayer experience as well. There will be provided opportunities for journaling prayer and reflection on our own spiritual hunger for growth.

Morality

The Roots of Pro-Life- Fr. Bill Carmody

This course will discuss the roots of the problem with pro-life, namely contraception. The teachings and writings of the prophet sent to us to get us out of the contraception desert, John Paul II, will be explored and his solution, Theology of the Body, will be introduced.

Creed

Teaching Authority of the Church- Fr. Larry Brennan

This course will be an examination of the varying degrees of authoritative teaching in the Catholic Church and of the corresponding levels of appropriate assent.

Catechetics

The Presence of Foreign Cultures in the Local Church: Evangelization, Catechesis and the Implication for Sound Pastoral Care - Fr. Quezada

Given the humbling presence of settled and newly arriving immigrants into our diocesan family, pastoral agents are presented with new challenges and opportunities for catechesis. This course will study approaches to understanding culture and the challenges that surface as well as solutions for parishes, schools and their faith journeys.

Scripture

An Introduction to Sacred Scripture -Fr. John Toepfer

This course will begin by examining the teaching of the Catholic Church concerning Divine Revelation and how we encounter Christ in the pages of Sacred Scripture. We will explore how the Scriptures came to be, their purpose in the liturgical life of the church and the basic principles for interpreting Sacred Scripture. We will pay attention to various forms of literature which comprise the Bible, as well as to the basic theme of Covenant and how God's love for us is revealed through his Word, Jesus Christ.

Sacraments and Liturgy

Sacramental Theology- Bishop Sheridan

This course will explore theological principles applicable to all the sacraments of the Church. These include: Christ as the sacrament of God; the Church as sacrament; sacraments as acts of the Church; the effects of sacraments.