

BASIC COURSE SEMINARS

COURSE OFFERINGS

Scripture - Nourished by the Word



Explores and helps to understand: The Catholic approach to Scripture. Topics include: inspiration, historical development, and literary criticism. The key Biblical themes of covenant, love and Kingdom of God will be explored.

Presenter: Frances Thomas, RSM

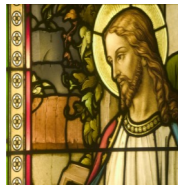
Dates, Time & Locations:

Wednesdays, Oct. 8 & 15, 2008, 7-9 p.m.,
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Bedford, MA

Thursdays, Oct. 2 & 9, 2008, 7-9 p.m.,
St. Thomas More, Somerset, MA

Christology - True God, True Man

Introduces us to the person of Jesus, the Christ; through an exploration of Scripture and tradition. We will discuss various types, including the Resurrection, Incarnation and the continued presence of Christ in the Church.



Presenters:

Rev. Francis de Sales Paolo, OFM (Weds.)
&
John Dacey (Thurs.)

Dates, Time & Locations:

Wednesdays, Oct. 22 & 29, 2008, 7-9 p.m.,
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Bedford, MA

Thursdays, Oct. 16 & 23, 2008, 7-9 p.m.
St. Thomas More, Somerset, MA

Ecclesiology - The Church as Communion and Mission



Explains the theological study of the Church. Offers reflections on our experience of being Church and our hope for what we can become as Church. Explores the main themes found in official teachings on the Church as communion and mission. This vision calls us to action.

Presenter: Rev. Thomas Looney, CSC

Dates Time & Location:

Thursdays, Feb. 26 & Mar. 5, 2009, 7-9 p.m.,
Stonehill College, Easton, MA

Church History - Faith Handed On

Explains the importance of our Church history; reviews milestones in its development; discusses the conflict/ issues the Church has experienced; points out "key" moments; and looks at the Church in the 3rd millennium.



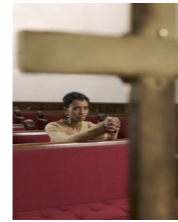
Presenters

Claire McManus, STL
&
Jean Marie Gribaudo, CSJ

Dates Time & Location:

Thursdays, Mar. 12 & 19, 2009, 7-9 p.m.,
Stonehill College, North Easton, MA

Catholic Morality - Response to God's Love



Explores some of the important principles, themes and dimensions of Catholic morality, while reflecting on one's own life experience and decisions as moral Christians.

Presenter: Rev. Edward Healy

Dates, Time & Location:

Wednesdays, Apr. 29 & May 6, 2009, 7-9 p.m.,
Corpus Christi, East Sandwich, MA

Sacramental Theology - Christ's Love Made Visible

Discover the sacramental character of the Church which awakens our senses not only with words, but actions, gestures, and symbols. Learn how sacraments make transparent God's power, love, and grace in particular acts of worship and community celebrations.



Presenter: (Rev. Deacon) Bruce Bonneau

Dates Time & Location:

Wednesdays, May 13 & 20, 2009, 7-9 p.m.,
Corpus Christi, East Sandwich, MA

These sessions are for all individuals who are involved in ministry, teachers or volunteers; as well as anyone who is seeking to deepen their faith and knowledge. .

The fee is \$10 per topic which includes cost of book.

To Register for *Roots of Faith*, please complete this registration form. One registration per person.

Registrations must be in no later than one week before the start of the course.

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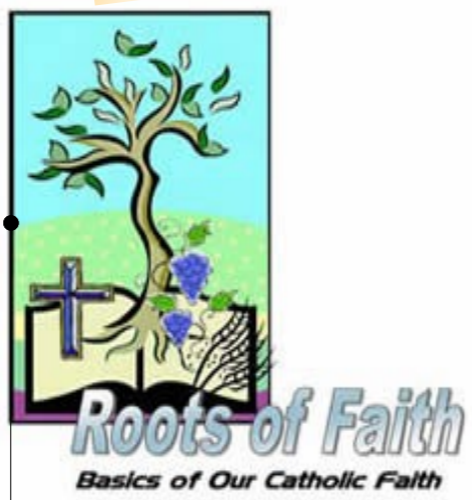
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offers **three options** to those seeking to grow in the knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

First: The **Basic Course Seminars** outlined here in the brochure are offered through the Office of Faith Formation throughout the Diocese.

Second: *Echoes of Faith* - offered through individual parishes, is a DVD/Video assisted program with companion booklets and materials. Program offerings will be listed on our website as Parishes inform us of upcoming dates.

Third:  Notre Dame StEP - Online program: **"Core Course: Introduction to Theology"** For more information or to register visit www.step.nd.edu.

Upon completion of all 6 topics, a **"Certificate of Completion"** will be issued by the Office of Faith Formation. Participants may complete the topic requirements, using one option or a combination of the first two options listed here.

Seminar topics will be rotated annually and offered in various locations throughout the Diocese, enabling participants to complete the program in their local area.

Our Vision...

Is to provide leadership support and enablement to those who serve in catechetical ministries in the Diocese of Fall River including pastors, deacons, DRE/CRE's, youth ministers, Catholic school principals and teachers.