

Spring 2020

SEMESTER I CENTER

St. Christopher

8150 Park Place Blvd., Houston, TX 77017
713-645-6614

Thursdays 7-9

Introduction to Scripture: Jan. 23, 30,
Feb. 6, 13, 20

Old Testament: Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 26, Apr. 2

New Testament: Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Day of Reflection - Biblical Spirituality
Sat., Apr. 4 (9-3)

Deadline to avoid late fee: Jan. 16

SEMESTER II CENTER

St. Bernadette

15500 El Camino Real Houston, TX 77062
281-486-0337

Tuesdays 7-9

Catholic Beliefs: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4

Christology: Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 3, 17

Sacraments: Mar. 24, 31, Apr. 14, 21, 28

Day of Reflection - Ecclesial Spirituality
Sat., Apr. 25 (9-3)

Deadline to avoid late fee: Dec. 31

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SEMESTER III CENTER

St. Vincent de Paul

6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, 77025
713-667-9111

Fridays 4:30-7:30 & Saturdays 8:30-4:30

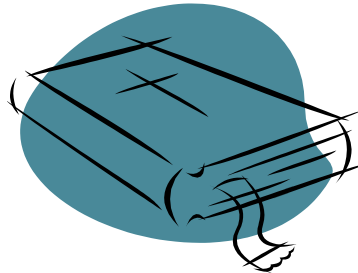
Morality: Jan. 24 & 25

Church History 1: Feb. 28 & 29

Church History 2: Mar. 27 & 28

Day of Reflection - Missionary Spirituality
Sat., Apr. 18 (8:30-2:30)

Deadline to avoid late fee: Jan. 17



Books

Books must be purchased separately ahead of time. They are not available for purchase onsite, but must be purchased from a third party seller. For more information visit www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Books

All courses require a Catholic Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Additional books are required for the following:

Introduction to Scripture

✘ Harrington, Daniel J., S.J. *How do Catholics Read the Bible?* Rowman and Littlefield, Publishers. 2005 ISBN: 0742548716

Old Testament

✘ Boadt, Lawrence. Ed. Richard Clifford and Daniel Harrington, *Reading the Old Testament* Paulist Press 2012. 2nd Edition ISBN: 0809147807

✘ Dowley, Tim *The Student Bible Atlas* Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2005 ISBN: 0806620382

New Testament

✘ Carmody, Timothy R. *Reading the Bible (A Study Guide)* Paulist Press 2004 ISBN: 0809141892

✘ Dowley, Tim *The Student Bible Atlas* Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2005 ISBN: 0806620382

Catholic Beliefs

✘ Pilarczyk, Daniel E. *Being Catholic* St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006. ISBN: 0867167084

Christology

✘ Luttenberger, Gerard H. *Who Do You Say That I Am? An Introduction to Christology* CreateSpace (Self-Publishing), 2012 ISBN: 1466384344

Sacraments

✘ Stasiak, Kurt *Sacramental Theology: Means of Grace, Ways of Life* Loyola Press, 2001. ISBN: 0829417214

✘ Mick, Lawrence E. *Understanding the Sacraments Today (Revised Edition)* Liturgical Press, 2006. ISBN: 0814629253

Morality

✘ Connors, Russell B *Christian Morality: In the Breath of God (Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series)* Loyola Press, 2001 ISBN: 0829417222

Church History 1

✘ Vidmar, John, OP. *The Catholic Church Through the Ages: A History, Second Edition*, Paulist Press. 2014 ISBN: 0809149044

Church History 2

✘ McGonigle, Thomas A *History of the Christian Tradition: From the Reformation to the Present* Paulist Press. 1996 ISBN: 0809136481

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

2403 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77021
713-741-8730

<http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/>
<http://archgh.cvent.com/FTCM-Spring-2020>

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY—SPRING 2020

Complete this form or register online at <http://archgh.cvent.com/FTCM-Spring-2020>.

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____ Accept Text Messages YES NO

REASON FOR TAKING FTCM: _____ PARISH: _____

Option 1: Register for an entire semester

Option 2: Pay for individual course(s)

Cost: \$50—Include an additional \$10 if registering after deadline. All content courses are \$25 each when registered for individually.

Location(s) _____ Name(s) of course(s) and location(s) _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please mail checks made payable to OEC to:

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021-2023.

The FTCM Program

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple.

As a core program offered by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, FTCM provides authentic Catholic teachings taught by approved instructors with Masters or Doctoral degrees in theological disciplines.

There are several formation programs within the Archdiocese that require FTCM as either a portion of their overall program or as a pre-requisite for entry into the program. These include, among others, catechist formation, catechetical leader formation and youth ministry leader formation.

Semester I

- Introduction to Scripture** 10 hours
Basic concepts necessary for reading Scripture
- Old Testament** 10 hours
Navigate through and apply the Old Testament
- New Testament** 10 hours
Know, understand, and apply the New Testament
- Day of Reflection:**
Biblical Spirituality 6 hours

Semester II

- Catholic Beliefs** 10 hours
Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine
- Christology** 10 hours
Who the Church understands Jesus to be
- Sacraments** 10 hours
The Liturgy and the Sacraments
- Day of Reflection:**
Ecclesial Spirituality 6 hours

Semester III

- Morality** 10 hours
Living as a Catholic Christian disciple
- Church History 1** 10 hours
From the Resurrection to the Reformation
- Church History 2** 10 hours
From the Reformation to today
- Day of Reflection:**
Missionary Spirituality 6 hours

Recognitions

Certificates of completion are awarded annually to those who participate in the entire program.

How much does FTCM cost?

\$50 per semester*
or
\$25 per course.

*Late registration incurs an additional \$10.00 fee.

Financial assistance is granted on a case-by-case basis determined by need. Contact the OEC for an application.

How do I register for FTCM?

To register for FTCM, either complete online registration at

<http://archgh.cvent.com/FTCM-Spring-2020>

or complete the attached registration form.

If registering by paper, please mail completed form with check made payable to OEC to:

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
2403 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77021

For more information please call 713-741-8730.

To avoid the late fee, your form and payment must be received before the location's deadline!

Can any of these courses be taken online?

All 9 courses that are a part of FTCM may be taken online through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). Information about that program can be found at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>. One cannot do individual classes in this way, only entire courses. Fees for courses taken through the University of Dayton are independent of any fees paid to the Archdiocese. Monetary credits cannot be transferred between the Archdiocese and the University. Days of Reflection can only be done in-person in the Archdiocese.

Methodology and Expectations

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program utilizes an adult learning method that requires that participants have spent some time with the material prior to coming to class. The time spent together in class, then, allows the participants to engage with the material and one another under the direction of the instructor.

The majority of the preparation time prior to coming to class will be spent completing the assigned reading. Participants can expect to spend about 3-4 hours reading in preparation for every 2 hours spent in class. Many find it helpful to review the questions contained in the handout packet before beginning the reading.

Those electing to take courses in a compressed and intensive format (e.g., in a Friday-Saturday format or during the summer) are to be aware that they will be expected to complete all of the assigned reading for the course before the course begins.

Reading list and study questions for each course can be found at www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Reading.

