The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m. [5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory] Sunday – 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. [9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory] Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Tuesday and Thursday - 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph First Saturday - 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. [5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory] and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours. **OFFICE HOURS** Monday through Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN** Mrs. Gail Borel - gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org **RECORDS CLERK/PLANT MANAGER** Gladys Lasseigne **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Mrs. Sherry Hebert — sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org MUSIC MINISTRY Mrs. Janice Carboni (4:00 p.m.) BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Mr. Ken Theriot and John Thomas Neuville **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** The chapel is open every day from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. FUNERALS Please contact the parish office prior to contacting the funeral home. Funerals are celebrated in the morning of Tuesdays through Saturdays no later than 11:00 a.m. A Funeral Vigil is celebrated on the preceding evening at 6:00 p.m. SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism classes are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory. Baptism are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the parish office for scheduling. SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Contact the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit. SAFE ENVIRONMENT Contact the parish office.



June 23, 2019

O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred Mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your Redemption.

Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

We invite you to submit the names of people who are in need of our prayers.

Jess Koch, Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, Alicia Durand, Janice Stacy, Joseph Huval, Marie Lee Prioux, Troy Barras, Kelly Ransonet, Jessica Scott, Mary Smith, Brian Thibodeaux, Cora Laviolette, Jackie Savoy, Barry Thibodeaux, Doris "Boutte" Barras, Michele Dugas Burke, Paul Crochet, Craig Breaux, Helen Simon, Ross Rouly, Jamie Brady, Holly LeBlanc, Faye Gary, Tony Berard, Glenn Romero, Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Judy Judice, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Wayne Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Dennis and Helen Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Gwen Borel, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Michelle Breaux, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Deacon Chris Doumit, Matil LasSalle Romero, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Katie Boutte, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Ronald Albert Sr., Gene Jefferies, Michael Theriot, Billy Pete., Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jason Walker.

Please note that our office will purge the names on our sick list every quarter. We ask anyone who lists someone's name to please call the parish office to add or remove a name.

June 16, 201916		
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (65%)	\$ 3,911.00	
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (35%)	\$ 2,115.00	
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,136.00	
Regular Collection Total	\$ 6,026.00	
Difference	-\$ 3,110.00	
Completion Loan Balance	\$ 96,345.25	
Completion Collection	\$ 1,353.00	
Insurance Balance 2018-2019	\$ 28,041.70	
Insurance Collection	\$ 35.00	

125 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (10% participation). 193 of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (15% attendance). Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for the Community

The Vocation Chalice is in

The Adoration Chapel Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254.

> The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of: Christine and Mike Arceneaux

The Weekly Statue is in the home of: Russell and Michelle Steiner

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for: Special Intention, Poirrier Family Deyna Champagne and Chad Romero

Diocesan Centennial Campaign News

Saint Joseph Catholic Church has received another quarterly rebate from the Diocese of Lafavette in the amount of \$12,688.51

These funds have been applied to our loan. Thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile endeavor

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, deacons and religious

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons and daughters. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

June 22	Rev. Blake Dubroc/Cole Zaunbrecher
	Dcn. Reggie Bollich/Sr. Margaret Caire, RSCJ
Luna 22	Rev. Wayne Duet/Pier Zeringue
June 23	Dcn. Dwayne Boudreaux/Sr. Maria Louisa Cotto, RSCJ
June 24	Rev. Willard Dugas/Dylan Allen
	Dcn. Jerry Bourg/Sr. Barbara Moreau, RSCJ
June 25	Rev. Edward Duhon/Reed Bellingham
	Dcn. Ed Boustany/Sr. Lucie Nordman, RSCJ
June 26	Rev. Jacob DuMont, LC/Rev. Mr. John Joseph, CJC
	Dcn. Wynard Boutte/Sr. Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ
June 27	Rev. Nicholas DuPré/Alex Cormier
	Dcn. Wade Broussard/Sr. Elizabeth Renard, RSCJ
June 28	Rev. Gilbert Dutel/Myles Creek
	Dcn. Patrick Burke/Sr. Mary Ellen Theriot, SSND

Mass Intentions — 6/22-6/28

Saturday 4:00 p.m. StJo - Helen Delcambre Families, Lenwood Albert Bienvenu, Earl Mestayer, Ken Delcambre, Roy Freyou Family and Segura, Irving Judice, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Aymar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Tasey and Becky Eldridge, Clarence Champagne Family, Robert Prados Family and Breaux Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Joseph Dressel, Kimberly Decuir, Decuir and Dugas Family, J.O. Sr. and Marie Neuville and Ted Neuville Family, Barry Eldridge and Ned Broussard Families, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Forbus and Myrtle Mestaver Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Laviolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Lorraine Huval, Preston and Agnes Huval, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Francis and Art Mazerole, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Will and Lily Roberts, Collins and Doris Louviere, Earl Mestaver, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Ossie Romero, Sue Crochet. Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo - Pam

Derouen, Terrel Dressel, Suzette Judice, Clark, Mary Ann and David Provost, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Sandra P. Horton, Loto and Leah Louviere, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and

Frank Fruge Family, Emus Borel, Tony and Rita Chataignier, Sue Crochet.

10:30 a.m. StJo - Ury Louviere, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Eunice Oubre, S. J. "Bute: Granger and Junius and Mary Hebert, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Cheryl Segura, Jeanette "Jan" Crochet, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Angus and Florence "Flo" Mestayer, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, L.J. and Anita Grivat and Parents, Louis Landry, Una and Otto Landry, Widley Louviere, Anita and Lennet Grivat, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Butsy Walet, Sandra Angelle, Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV - Beulah and A.J. "Poon" Dugas, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo - Myrtle Mestaver, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV - John Michael Steiner, Alvin Tony Brousard Jr., Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo - Myrtle Mestayer, Louis J. "Nego" and Lita N. Judice and Parents, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV - Katie Magar Family, Vickie Fontenot Family, Lydia May Family, John Michael Steiner, Francis Crochet, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Judice and Walet Family, Sue Crochet.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK					
Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers		
June 29 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Janet Thibodeaux Sandra Boudreaux	Jillian Angelle		
June 30 7:00 a.m.	Diane Gondron Ted McIntyre	Lottie Frioux Antoinette McIntyre	Brynn Blanchard Chaz Blanchard		
10:30 a.m.	Betty Gondron Sloane Judice	Guinn Lancon Raymond Bergeron	Landon Lancon		



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 24 - 28, 2019, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. We register students at 8:30 a.m. Our theme this year is *Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus*. There is no charge to attend, but we do welcome donations to defray the cost of crafts, snacks, and other materials. We welcome any

students ages three years through fifth grade. All students in sixth through eleventh grade are invited to come as helpers. Only parents who have gone through Safe Environment training with the Diocese of Lafayette can be accepted as helpers. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 229-4254.

Religion Class Registration

Registrations for our 2019-2020 religion year are now underway for Kindergarten, First Grade, Confirmation, and any *NEW* students to the program. If your child was not baptized here, you *MUST* provide the child's Baptism certificate when registering. All registrations will be closed on July 18, 2019 so textbooks and classroom accommodations can be made. Please call the parish office at 229-4254 with

any questions. We are looking forward to assisting you in your child's Christian formation.



Cleanest City Contest



The results of the 2019 Clean City Awards are in. We are proud to announce that Loreauville came out Second in State. Loreauville was First in the District Contest. Thanks to everyone who helped in this endeavor.

The Loreauville Beautification Committee





Stained Glass Window Memorials

The Parish Pastoral Council has noticed that two of our stained glass windows in church have not been donated. So we take this opportunity to make available a donation and naming opportunity with these two windows. If you are interested, or if our records are in error, please call the Parish Office at 229-4254 so that we can make the appropriate corrections.



The Small Changes That Lead To Greater Happiness by Rachael Popcak & Dr. Gregory Popcak

Do you ever just feel "off," but you don't know why? Everything seems to be fine, daily life is running along relatively smoothly, but you just feel down, melancholy, or disconnected from life/others?

A new study out of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Texas A&M reveals that making small changes such as smiling more — can make an impact on our emotions and overall mood. It seems like a small change, but a meta-analysis of 138 studies demonstrates that smiling really can make us happier.

"We don't think that people can smile their way to happiness," lead researcher, Nicholas Coles, said. "But these findings are exciting because they provide a clue about how the mind and the body interact to shape our conscious experience of emotion." If simply smiling more can make an impact on our emotions, what are some other ways for us to lift our mood and feel reconnected?

Acts of kindness — Buy coffee for the person behind you in line, pick up flowers for your spouse on your way home from work, volunteer at the local food pantry. Acts of kindness give us the opportunity to go outside of ourselves and do something to help and bring joy to others. In return, this helps us to feel more positive, purpose driven, and connected to others!

Set daily goals — Setting small, daily goals allows us to feel proactive, productive, and in control. These goals can be anything from doing one load of laundry, to spending five minutes outside, or even simply brushing your teeth on days where accomplishing a larger goal just doesn't feel doable. Choose whatever small, attainable goal appeals to you each day. It's not about the task itself, its about the feeling of accomplishment! **Pray** — Take time to pray each day. Share with God what you are thinking and feeling. No emotion is too big or small for God to handle. Ask God to help you express your emotions in ways that glorify Him. Setting aside time to pray, or simply praying as we go about your daily activities helps us to feel reconnected to God, to our surroundings, and to our purpose.

Listen to music — Listen to music that reflects the mood you *want* to be in, not the mood that you *are* in. Often when we are sad, angry, etc. we listen to music that reflects that mood. This typically causes us to remain in this mood, however, listening to music that reflects the mood you want to be in (i.e. listening to happy music when you are sad or listening to energetic music when you are tired) actually causes us to adjust to a mood that better matches the music we are listening to. Surprisingly, this can make a big difference in our emotions throughout the day.

MASS FOR PROTECTION AND SAFETY FROM HURRICANES & DAMAGING STORMS

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2019

5:30 PM

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

08 E. St. Peter Street

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Celebrant: The Very Reverend William C. Blanda, V.F.



IBERIA SWAMP BAND & IBERIA COMMUNITY BAND

 \$10 Admission at the door \$10 Admission at the door includes: Jambalaya Dinner, includes: Jambalaya Dinner, Dinner, MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES
 A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP & FUN Jan Carboni 242-4554

 Door Prizes, Live MUSIC, Sale Auction, Bake Sale
 DINNER, MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES
 Martha Bryant 280-9401

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR JERRY AND MARIAN FRUGE'

All proceeds will go directly to The Fruge's to assist with medical expenses.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019 | 5 PM TO 9 PM ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HALL, 117 SOUTH MAIN ST., LOREAUVILLE, LA

Priests — Where Do They Come From? by Bevil Bramwell, OMI

Priests have lately been at the center of many news stories – involving events of the kind that we wish would never have occurred. But perhaps we might come to some sense of balance by recognizing that only a small percentage of priests abused – and by appreciating a little of the process by which the great majority of priests arrive at ordination.

Over the years, there have been a number of formation programs for American priests. The current *Program for Priestly Formation* (PPF, 5thedition) regulates the training of all priests, diocesan and religious, in the United States. It was introduced in 2006, just a few years after the first wave of revelations about priestly sexual abuse. Another PPF, presumably intended to correct gaps in the previous version, is currently in the works.

The existing *Program* is well-written and invokes a great deal of what we have learned about the Catholic priesthood over the millennia, both historically and theologically. The theological backbone is Pope Saint John Paul II's *Pastores dabo vobis*. (1992) The phrase comes from Jeremiah (3:15): "I will give you shepherds after my own heart."

Two of John Paul II's lesser documents contribute to the program as well: *Tertio millennio adveniente* (his apostolic letter for the New Millennium) and *Ecclesia in America* his 1999 apostolic exhortation issued two years after the Synod on the Church in America.

Even before admission to the seminary, the *Program* requires that the candidate, "must be in prayerful dialogue with God and with the Church in the discernment of his vocation." The decision includes input from people who know him and the results of interviews and psychological evaluations.

To be sure, there is still no conclusive test to identify a potential abuser of children or vulnerable adults. Also, seminary training cannot be totally organized around preventing abuse. Many other things, obviously, are integral to proper formation. Candidates, however, come from a secular culture that includes a massive amount of abuse in families and other institutions. So especially in the past few decades, this has become an early and central concern. As we have learned to our sorrow, this sort of screening was not adequately carried out in the past.

Once the selection staff signs off on the candidate, he becomes part of seminary life. In John Paul II's words, that life is "a continuation in the Church of the apostolic community gathered about Jesus, listening to His word, proceeding towards the Easter experience, awaiting the gift of the Spirit for the mission."

The seminary program is geared to help seminarians be conformed to Christ, the Head and Shepherd of the Church and to join in His Mission to the world. Failure in emphasizing that central reality to pursue holiness can lead not only to abuse but numerous other serious problems.

John Paul II continues: "Moved by grace, however, seminarians make themselves available to God's work of transformation. And that making ready a place for the Lord to dwell in us and transform us is what we call formation." To achieve this complex transformation, the program tackles the development of the seminarian in the four areas of life – the human, the spiritual, the intellectual and the pastoral. Each area is carefully spelled out with threshold values that the seminarian has to meet, year by year. One criterion, for example, comes from the field of human development. The candidate should be: "A person of solid moral character with a finely developed moral conscience, a man open to and capable of conversion."

Such a candidate would function well in the community and be a good example to all because lay Catholics are also expected to act the same ways in the universal call to holiness.

Regarding sexuality, the rich Catholic understanding is that: "The various dimensions of being of a human person – the physical, the psychological, and the spiritual – converge in affective maturity, which includes human sexuality."

One feature of human sexuality is that: "Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of his body and soul. It especially concerns affectivity, the capacity to love and to procreate, and in a more general way the attitude for forming bonds of communion with others." In fact, ironic as it may be in our current preoccupation with priestly sexual abuse, laity can learn a proper perspective on sexuality from the behavior of the priest.

In the area of spiritual development, the norms for prayer include: the seminarian's participation in the Eucharist; in the Divine Office; the Sacrament of Penance; private prayer; as well as having a deep devotion to the Eucharist and to the Blessed Mother.

On the intellectual front, formation makes "a fundamental demand of man's intelligence by which he 'participates in the light of God's mind' and seeks to acquire a wisdom which in turn opens to and is directed towards knowing and adhering to God." This includes the expectation that the candidate will develop a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Mysteries of the Faith.

The priesthood involves sharing in the Offices of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King. Each office involves learning about and loving Scripture, listening to the Magisterium, and deeply entering the tradition.

Few appreciate the fact that the Church needs priests with training in multiple areas requiring various personal talents. The Program includes much about planning and administration – two areas often ridiculed as having become too prominent in the Church. But what would a parish or diocese do without priests who can actually make them run – and run well?

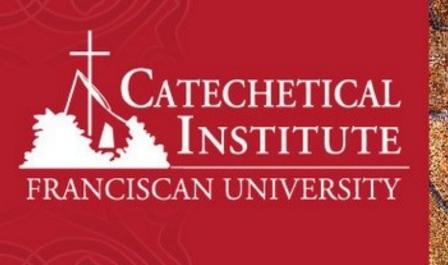
Through all these particulars, a spiritual light shines because "the seminary is first and foremost a learning community of the disciples of Jesus. At the same time, the seminary is a community of charity and friendship. Finally, the seminary is a worshipping and praying community that finds its source and summit in the celebration of the Eucharist."

Despite the many problems of which we are only too aware these days, the seminary is part of the local Church and deserves the people's love and prayer and support.

Fr. Bevil Bramwell, OMI, PhD is the former Undergraduate Dean at Catholic Distance University. His books are: Laity: Beautiful, Good and

True; The World of the Sacraments; Catholics Read the Scriptures: Commentary on Benedict XVI's Verbum Domini, and, most recently, John Paul II's *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*: The Gift of Catholic Universities to the World.







The Diocese of Lafayette has partnered with Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, to give everyone in the diocese access to workshops that can help in their religious formation. Although some of the workshops are geared towards teachers, many simply give information on topics that many of us want to know more about (i.e. the Eucharist, Mary, New Testament, Old Testament).

All you have to do is go to

www.franciscanathome.com/diolaf

to begin to create your account. The Office of Catechetics has a short three minute video on their webpage that will direct you on how to create an account. Our parish has already been placed in the system, so all you have to do is create your personal account. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in understanding of our faith.

Questions seeking answers ...

How, in the midst of a busy, distracted, and ever secularizing culture, can the Church raise up a new generation of catechetical leaders? How, as dioceses restructure, parishes merge, and budgets shrink, can we provide Catholic priests, deacons, catechists, and parents with the tools they need to form the souls in their care? How can we engage, inspire, and excite those entrusted with the great task of catechesis, bringing them into more intimate communion with Jesus Christ and empowering them to do the same for others?

Today, these are the questions with which every Catholic diocese must wrestle. They go right to the heart of the

catechetical challenges the Church faces, not simply in our diocesan offices and parishes, but also in our institutions, our schools, and, most urgently, in our homes. The Franciscan University Institute of Catechetics stands ready to help, offering unlimited access to our faithful, flexible, and affordable online catechist formation tools.

Officially launched in 2016, the Franciscan University Catechetical Institute seeks to serve Christ and His Church by forming those Catholics entrusted with the formation of others. Through conferences, online courses, personal support, and new catechetical resources, we make the riches of the Catholic faith more available and accessible. To this end, our expert faculty and experienced lay mentors work in offering individualized formation tools designed to meet a variety of catechetical needs.

The cornerstone of the Institute's work is our online library of video-based catechetical workshops. Designed to complement and supplement diocesan formation and continuing education programs already in place, the Catechetical Institute's online programming makes the best of Franciscan University available to dioceses everywhere.

It also accomplishes this by offering a broad range of workshops, making use of experts in fields outside of catechetics and theology: counseling, education, life sciences, communication, and more. And it accomplishes this by offering a degree of formation that goes deep, exploring topics you won't find in other online formation programs, including basic evangelization skills, mentoring, spiritual guidance, team building, and many others.

In the emerging field of online formation, Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute stands apart. Rooted in Sacred Scripture, loyal to the Magisterium, and guided by the Church's most foundational documents on catechesis and evangelization, the Catechetical Institute's work reflects Franciscan University's charism of dynamic orthodoxy. This means we are both ever faithful to the Church's wisdom and ever open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, following the instructions laid out in documents such as Catechesi Tradendae, Christifidelis Laici, and the General Directory for Catechesis, we are committed to following the catechetical example set for us by God Himself in salvation history. This divine pedagogy first prioritizes the spiritual formation of the human person, encouraging growth in Christian maturity through liturgy, prayer, and lectio divina. It then seeks to support other dimensions of formation: human, doctrinal, liturgical, social, pedagogical, and professional.

Our world-class faculty of catechists and theologians have taught, presented, and worked in universities, schools, and parishes around the world. Our faculty are practitioners, as well as academics, who bring decades of experience in youth ministry, religious education, faith formation, and higher education to the classroom. That experience shows in the design of the Catechetical Institute's online workshops, which balance theory and praxis, while also accommodating a wide variety of learners.

Within each track are dozens of one-hour workshops divided into "core" areas and "electives." Our large and growing library of workshops touch upon almost every aspect of catechesis, ranging from catechetical theory and Christology, to public speaking, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Each of these workshops has been professionally filmed with a live audience. Art, innovative media, music, and other creative elements have also been incorporated, recognizing both the importance of catechizing the whole person and beauty's enduring witness to truth. Likewise, all source material is provided in a user-friendly manner, designed for those not used to online learning platforms, while each one-hour workshop is broken up into 10-15 minute segments for ease of viewing.

Finally, the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University desires to serve the Church. We work to form all those charged with forming others in the faith.

Forming those who form others.



