



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

Doorways TO FORMATION IN THE FAITH

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Course Description

Participants will explore the basics of the Mass and worship and the importance of Mass as “source and summit” for the Christian life. Integral to each session is prayer, course content, faith sharing, and large/small group discussion so that participants can apply the teachings to their life and ministry.

Course Expectations

Attendance at five of the six sessions is required to receive a Certificate of Completion.

Read assigned and related materials prior to class.

Participate in class discussions.

Maintain a Course Journal/Notebook.

Complete and return the Course Evaluation.

Course Materials

English

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA), United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., 2006.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm>

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.) (CCC), *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, Washington, D.C., 2016.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/index.cfm> or http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

Spanish

Catecismo Católico de los Estados Unidos para los Adultos (USCCA), Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, Washington, D.C., 2006.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm>

Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (2nd ed.) (CCC), Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, Washington, D.C., 2016.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/index.cfm> or http://www.vatican.va/archive/catechism_sp/index_sp.html

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Course Structure and Highlights

Session 1/Week 1: Laying the Groundwork, Establishing the Context / Foundations

Topics:

Liturgy as God's work
The diverse and changing character of liturgy
The liturgy in history
The relationship between the liturgies of the Old and New Covenants
The Holy Spirit in the liturgy

Reading Assignment:
USCCA pp 165-170

Session 2/Week 2: Who celebrates the liturgy

Topics:

The roles of clergy and laity in the liturgy
The sources of sacred symbols
The four kinds of symbols in the liturgy:
 actions, words, images and music
Liturgical cycles and sacred time(s)
The visible elements in the church
Liturgy and spirituality

Reading Assignment:
USCCA pp 170-179

The Introductory Rites

The Sign of the Cross
Apostolic Greeting
Act of Penitence
Lord, Have Mercy
Gloria and Collect

Session 3/Week 3: The Liturgy of the Word

Topics:

Biblical Readings
 First Reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second Reading
 The Gospel
Homily
Profession of Faith (The Creed)
Prayer of the Faithful

Reading Assignment:
USCCA pp 213-220

Session 4/Week 4: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Topics:

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts
 Mixing Water and Wine, Washing Hands
Eucharistic Prayer: Preface
The Sanctus
The Epiclesis
The Words of Institution and Consecration
The Mystery of Faith
The Anamnesis, Offering, Intercessions and Final Doxology
Lord's Prayer
Rite of Peace

Reading Assignment:

USCCA pp 220-227

Session 5/Week 5: The Communion Rite

Topics:

Lord's Prayer
Rite of Peace
Agnus Dei: Fractioning and Commingling
Reception of Holy Communion

Reading Assignment:

USCCA pp 228-232

Session 6/Week 6: The Concluding Rites

Topics:

Greeting
Blessing
Dismissal

Reading Assignment:

none

Liturgical Ministries

Minister of Hospitality
Reader
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
Cantor
Server
Deacon
Presider
Congregation