

# Diploma in Catechetics

## Course Modules and Dates

### **Module 1: The Role of the Laity in the Church Today**

Topic 1: Introduction to the Diploma in Catechetics program. What does a “relationship with God” mean and why does it matter? What is a disciple?

Topic 2: The Lay Vocation in the Church.

Topic 3: Participation in the Life of Christ: Priest, Prophet, King.

Topic 4: Ecclesiology 1.

Topic 5: Ecclesiology 2.

Topic 6: The Call to the Secular and Leaven in the World.

*Dates: 27 January; 3, 10, 17, 24 February; 3 March*

### **Module 2: The Sacraments**

Topic 1: What are the Sacraments? Why did Jesus leave the Sacraments to His Church? What is common to all the Sacraments?

Topic 2: Sacraments of Initiation I: Baptism and Confirmation.

Topic 3: Sacraments of Initiation II: Holy Eucharist.

Topic 4: Sacraments of Healing: Penance and the Anointing of the Sick.

Topic 5: Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Marriage.

Topic 6: The Sacraments and the Reformation: Understanding and Apologetics.

*Dates: 10, 17, 24, 31 March; 7 and 21 April*

### **Module 3: Introduction to Scripture and Old Testament Study**

Topic 1: What is Revelation? How does Scripture fit into Revelation? How do I read and pray with Scripture?

Topic 2: The Old Testament: Overview of the Story and Old Testament Part I: Torah.

Topic 3: The Old Testament Part II: Historical Books.

Topic 4: The Old Testament Part III: Prophets.

Topic 5: The Old Testament Part IV: Wisdom Literature and Psalms.

Topic 6: The New Covenant, The Messiah, the Coming of the Spirit.

*Dates: 28 April; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2 June*

### **Module 4: Christology and New Testament Study**

Topic 1: Who is Jesus? The Gospel according to Matthew.

Topic 2: Who is Jesus? The Gospel according to Mark and Luke-Acts.

Topic 3: Who is Jesus? The Gospel according to John.

Topic 4: Paul and His Letters.

Topic 5: Christology I.

Topic 6: Christology II.

*Dates: 9 and 16 June; 18 and 25 August; 1 and 8 September*

### **Module 5: Systematic Theology – What do we believe about God?**

Topic 1: The existence of God.

Topic 2: The Trinity.

Topic 3: The Nature of Man.

Topic 4: Original Sin.

Topic 5: The Redemption.

Topic 6: The Role of Goodness, Truth, and Beauty in Evangelization.

*Dates: 15, 22, 29 September; 6, 13, 20 October*

**Module 6: Principles of Moral Theology – Life in Christ**

Topic 1: What is the “final end”? The nature of the will and human freedom.

Topic 2: Natural law, virtue, and conscience.

Topic 3: The Dignity of the Human Person, Subsidiarity and Solidarity: The 3 Principles of Catholic Social Doctrine.

Topic 4: The Life of Faith, Hope and Charity in Communion with Others (Social Doctrine of the Church Applied)

Topic 5: The Theological Virtues of Faith and Hope.

Topic 6: The Theological Virtue of Charity; the Heart Set Free: Living the Supernatural Life.

*Dates: 27 October; 3, 10, 17 November; 1 and 8 December*