

The Center for Ministry Development announces...

The Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation

Summer 2007 Program

Institute Overview

In 2006, the Center for Ministry Development offered *Foundations and Practices of Lifelong Faith Formation*, a week-long course, at seven sites across the country. This summer we are expanding that course to nine sites. In addition, CMD is proud to announce a second course as part of the Institute in Lifelong Faith Formation. This new course, also week-long, is *Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth*. It will be offered at seven sites.

Foundations and Practices of Lifelong Faith Formation presents the theological and catechetical vision and pastoral practices for developing lifelong faith formation for all ages and generations in the parish community. The *Foundations* course analyzes the social-cultural context and identifies important trends that are having an impact on faith formation today and explores current research on the religious beliefs and practices of American Catholics and the implications of this research on the future of faith formation. It presents the vision of lifelong faith formation, grounded in the catechetical vision of the Catholic Church and the writings of leaders in religious education such as John Westerhoff and Maria Harris. It explores the theory and skills for: 1) fashioning a comprehensive, holistic faith formation curriculum for the whole parish community, 2) designing intergenerational learning, 3) nurturing family and household faith formation throughout the entire life cycle, and 4) developing collaborative and empowering leadership for lifelong faith formation.

Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth develops the knowledge, practices, and skills of catechetical leaders and teachers to facilitate learning throughout the life cycle in age-specific settings from childhood through adulthood and in intergenerational settings with all ages. The course explores a developmental understanding of faith growth from infancy through older adulthood and the potential for faith formation at each stage throughout life. It also explores the family life cycle from the new couple through the family in later life and the potential for faith formation at each stage of the family life cycle. *Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth* cultivates the spiritual dimensions of the call to teach and explores the specific challenges catechetical leaders and teachers face in teaching for spiritual and faith growth. It presents practical approaches and methods for teaching age groups and intergenerational groups in parish settings, as well as facilitating learning and faith growth at home. The course also develops skills and presents resources for training catechists in parish settings.

Participants

The Institute is designed for diocesan leadership in faith formation and family ministry, Catholic school leadership, and parish leadership – pastors, directors of religious education, youth ministers, adult educators, sacramental preparation and RCIA coordinators, catechists and other key leaders in parish faith formation.

Schedule

Monday–Thursday: 9 a. m. to 5 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Faculty

There will be two faculty for each Institute program. Leif Kehrwald, Mariette Martineau, John Roberto, and Joan Weber will be lead instructors. Adjunct faculty include Kathie Amidei, Sister Kathleen Atkinson, OSB, Judith Dunlap, Kathy Filipelli, Joyce Kelleher, Jim Merhaut, Tammy Norcross, Katie Pfiffner, Andrea Sabor, and Joyce Solimini.

Fees

\$350 tuition per person includes the Course Binder. Required text books are additional.
\$50 per person for lunch and refreshments for the week.

Dates and Sites

Foundations and Practices of Lifelong Faith Formation

June 11-15	Houston, TX
June 18-22	Milwaukee, WI
June 25-29	Des Moines, IA
July 9-13	Chicago, IL
July 16-20	Boston, MA
July 23-27	Seattle, WA
July 30-August 3	San Francisco, CA
August 6-10	Los Angeles, CA
August 6-10	Washington, DC

Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth

June 4-8	Cleveland, OH
June 18-22	Tampa, FL
June 25-29	Rochester, MN
July 16-20	Chicago, IL
July 16-20	Boston, MA
July 23-27	Detroit, MI
July 30-August 3	Portland, OR

Registration

Please use the registration form that accompanies this Institute brochure. All registrations must be received at least one month prior to the program. **Space is limited to 50 participants at each site.**

Graduate Credit

Several Catholic universities grant three graduate credits for the Institute program. Those seeking credit will be expected to complete graduate-level assignments. Indicate your interest in graduate credit on the registration form and more information will be sent to you.

Housing

A list of hotels near each Institute location will be provided for those who need overnight accommodations.

**To get more information and an application form go to:
www.generationsoffaitth.org**

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