

## WHAT ARE THE COURSES?

[NB: The following courses will be offered on a rotating basis over a two-three year period]

### FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

#### A. Core Courses

- ~ The Creed
- ~ Liturgy and Sacraments
- ~ Catholic Morality
- ~ Prayer & Spirituality
- ~ Scripture

#### B. Methodology Courses

1. Getting Started as a Catechist
2. The Role of the Catechist
3. Classroom & Behavior Management
4. The Roles & Responsibilities of Coordinators of Religious Education, RCIA and Youth Ministry
5. Teacher as Catechist
6. Understanding One's Call/Vocation of Teaching in a Catholic School
7. Understanding the RCIA Process and The Rites of Christian Initiation
8. Understanding Adult Faith Formation And The Facilitation of Adult Learning
9. Getting Started in Youth Ministry
10. The Role of a Youth Leader

#### C. Spiritual Component

One-day spiritual retreat

## WHAT ARE THE MINISTRY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

### LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

#### ◆ Parish Catechists of Children

- ~ Five Core Courses
- ~ Methodology: 1, 2 & 3
- ~ Spiritual Component

#### ◆ Parish Religious Education Coordinators

- ~ Five Core Courses
- ~ Methodology 1, 2, 3 & 4
- ~ Spiritual Component

#### ◆ Catholic School Teachers

- ~ Five Core Courses
- ~ Methodology: 5 & 6
- ~ Spiritual Component

#### ◆ RCIA Coordinators & Teams

- ~ Five Core Courses
- ~ Methodology: 2, 7, 8 & 4 for coordinators
- ~ Spiritual Component

#### ◆ Adult Faith Formation Ministry

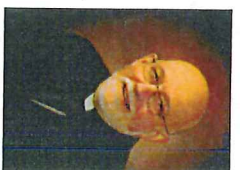
- ~ Five Core Courses
- ~ Methodology: 8
- ~ Spiritual component

#### ◆ Youth Coordinators & Core Teams

- ~ Five Core Courses
- ~ Methodology: 9, 10 & 4 for coordinators
- ~ Spiritual component

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JOHN CORRIVEAU, OFM, CAP.

May the Lord give you peace!



Our Catholic teachers and catechists and the many adult volunteers who contribute their time and faith-witness to the religious formation of children, youth and adults make an indispensable contribution to the growth of the Church in the Diocese of Nelson. Our families depend on our Catholic Schools and our parish religious education programs to foster the maturation of faith in their children. Youth and adults discover the beauty of faith through the youth ministries, the R.C.I.A. process and other adult programs of our parishes. Faith witness is the indispensable gift which a catechist brings to the lives of those to be formed in the faith. Faith-witness must be informed.

The catechetical certification program has been established by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education and the Catholic Independent Schools Office in collaboration with the Diocesan Religious Education Committee. I have given my approval of this program on both a diocesan and provincial level.

I ask that all those involved in passing on our faith to children, youth and adults will take advantage of the opportunity which this program offers. The certification received through your participation in this program is transferable to all dioceses in B.C.

Fraternally in Christ

+John Corriveau, ofmcap

Bishop of Nelson

