

Fall 2018

SEMESTER I CENTER

St. Cecilia

11720 Joan of Arc Dr., Houston, TX 77024
713-465-3414

Friday 4-7 and Saturday 9-5

Introduction to Scripture: Sept. 7 & 8
Old Testament: Oct. 19 & 20
New Testament: Nov. 9 & 10

Day of Reflection - Biblical Spirituality
Sat., Dec. 1 (9-3)

Deadline to avoid late fee: Aug. 31

SEMESTER II CENTER

Notre Dame

7720 Boone Rd., Houston, 77072
281-498-4653

Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Catholic Beliefs: Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20
Christology: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Sacraments: Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13

Day of Reflection - Ecclesial Spirituality
Sat., Oct. 6 (9-3)

Deadline to avoid late fee: Aug. 16

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SEMESTER III CENTER

St. Anthony of Padua

7801 Bay Branch Dr., The Woodlands, 77382
281-419-8700

Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Morality: Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20
Church History 1: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Church History 2: Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13

Day of Reflection - Missionary Spirituality
Sat., Oct. 20 (9-3)

Deadline to avoid late fee: Aug. 16

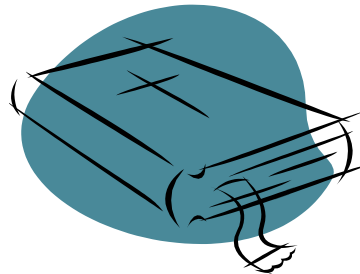
LOCATION OFFERING SELECT INDIVIDUAL COURSES

St. Thomas More

10330 Hillcroft St., Houston, 77096
713-729-0221

Friday 4-7 and Saturday 9-5

Sacraments: Sept. 14 & 15
New Testament: Nov. 2 & 3



Books

Books must be purchased separately ahead of time. They are not available for purchase onsite, but must be purchased from a third party seller. For more information visit www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Books

All courses require a Catholic Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Additional books are required for the following:

Introduction to Scripture

✘ Harrington, Daniel J., S.J. *How do Catholics Read the Bible?* Rowman and Littlefield, Publishers. 2005 ISBN: 0742548716

Old Testament

✘ Boadt, Lawrence. Ed. Richard Clifford and Daniel Harrington, *Reading the Old Testament* Paulist Press 2012. 2nd Edition ISBN: 0809147807
✘ Dowley, Tim *The Student Bible Atlas* Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2005 ISBN: 0806620382

New Testament

✘ Carmody, Timothy R. *Reading the Bible (A Study Guide)* Paulist Press 2004 ISBN: 0809141892
✘ Dowley, Tim *The Student Bible Atlas* Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2005 ISBN: 0806620382

Catholic Beliefs

✘ Pilarczyk, Daniel E. *Being Catholic* St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006. ISBN: 0867167084

Christology

✘ Luttenberger, Gerard H. *Who Do You Say That I Am? An Introduction to Christology* CreateSpace (Self-Publishing), 2012 ISBN: 1466384344

Sacraments

✘ Stasiak, Kurt *Sacramental Theology: Means of Grace, Ways of Life* Loyola Press, 2001. ISBN: 0829417214
✘ Mick, Lawrence E. *Understanding the Sacraments Today (Revised Edition)* Liturgical Press, 2006. ISBN: 0814629253

Morality

✘ Connors, Russell B *Christian Morality: In the Breath of God (Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series)* Loyola Press, 2001 ISBN: 0829417222

Church History 1

✘ Vidmar, John, OP. *The Catholic Church Through the Ages: A History, Second Edition*, Paulist Press. 2014 ISBN: 0809149044

Church History 2

✘ McGonigle, Thomas A *History of the Christian Tradition: From the Reformation to the Present* Paulist Press. 1996 ISBN: 0809136481

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

2403 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77021
713-741-8730

<http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/>
<http://archgh.cvent.com/FTCM-Fall-2018>

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY—FALL 2018

Complete this form or register online at <http://archgh.cvent.com/FTCM-Fall-2018>

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____ Accept Text Messages YES NO
REASON FOR TAKING FTCM: _____ PARISH: _____

Option 1: Register for an entire semester

Option 2: Pay for individual course(s)

Cost: \$50—After deadline include additional \$10 fee. All content courses are \$25 each when registered for individually.

Location(s) _____

Name(s) of course(s) and location(s) _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please mail checks made payable to OEC to:

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021-2023.

The FTCM Program

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple.

As a core program offered by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, FTCM provides authentic Catholic teachings taught by approved instructors with Masters or Doctoral degrees in theological disciplines.

There are several formation programs within the Archdiocese that require FTCM as either a portion of their overall program or as a pre-requisite for entry into the program. These include, among others, catechist formation, catechetical leader formation and youth ministry leader formation.

Semester I

Introduction to Scripture 10 hours
Basic concepts regarding reading Scripture
Old Testament 10 hours
Navigate through and apply the Old Testament
New Testament 10 hours
Know, understand, and apply the New Testament
Day of Reflection:
Biblical Spirituality 6 hours

Semester II

Catholic Beliefs 10 hours
Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine
Christology 10 hours
Who the Church understands Jesus to be
Sacraments 10 hours
The Liturgy and the Sacraments
Day of Reflection:
Ecclesial Spirituality 6 hours

Semester III

Morality 10 hours
Living as a Catholic Christian disciple
Church History 1 10 hours
From the Resurrection to the Reformation
Church History 2 10 hours
From the Reformation to today
Day of Reflection:
Missionary Spirituality 6 hours

Recognitions

Certificates of completion are awarded annually to those who attend the entire program.

How much does FTCM cost?

\$50 per semester*
or
\$25 per course.

*plus an additional \$10.00 for late registration

Financial assistance is granted on a case-by-case basis based on need. Contact the OEC for an application.

How do I register for FTCM?

To register for FTCM, either complete online registration at

<http://archgh.cvent.com/FTCM-Fall-2018>

or complete the attached registration form. If registering by paper form, please mail it **with your payment** to:

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
2403 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77021

For more information please call 713-741-8730.

Remember: to avoid the late fee, mail your form and payment to arrive before the location's deadline!

Can any of these courses be taken online?

All 9 courses that are a part of FTCM may be taken online through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). Information about that program can be found at <https://vleff.udayton.edu>. One cannot do individual classes in this way, only entire courses. Fees for courses taken through the University of Dayton are independent of any fees paid to the Archdiocese. Monetary credits cannot be transferred between the Archdiocese and the University. Days of Reflection can only be done in-person in the Archdiocese.

Methodology and Expectations

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program utilizes an adult learning method that requires that participants have spent some time with the material prior to coming to class. The time spent together in class, then, allows the participants to engage with the material and one another under the direction of the instructor.

The majority of the preparation time prior to coming to class will be spent completing the assigned reading. Participants can expect to spend about 3-4 hours reading in preparation for every 2 hours spent in class. Many find it helpful to review the questions contained in the handout packet before beginning the reading.

Those electing to take courses in a compressed and intensive format (e.g. in a Friday-Saturday format or during the summer) are to be aware that they will be expected to complete all of the assigned reading for the course before the course begins.

Reading list and study questions for each course can be found at www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Reading

