

Online Learning

There are a number of websites that offer online courses for the study of Catholic theology and preparation for ministry. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe accepts for credit courses offered by accredited Catholic colleges and universities. Because of its longstanding experience with online learning, together with its history of teaching sound Catholic theology and ministry formation, the Archdiocese has partnered with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community described below.

The Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. This project of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives of the University of Dayton, offers numerous course online for students who wish to study aspects of Catholic teaching in a virtual learning community right from their homes or local libraries.

The goal of VLCFF is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is a partner diocese with VCLFF, which makes it possible for anyone in our diocese to take these on-line courses for a reduced fee of \$40 per course.

Printed brochures are available from the Office of Formation for Christian Service, 831-8126. For more information, schedules of classes, and to register for classes, go to their website at <http://vlc.udayton.edu/>. A list of the classes offered is printed below.

Course Levels

- **Basic** level would be for someone who has no or limited knowledge of the subject, or is looking for a refresher on the topic
- **Intermediate** level would assume knowledge of the topics covered in the basic level.
- **Advanced** level would require good exposure to all the basic topics and the desire for a much more academically rigorous study of the topic.

Students can expect to put in approximately five hours of work for each week of any course.
(ex. 5 week course = 25 clock hours)