

Video-Assisted Group Studies

Video assisted learning can be an effective way to enhance theological studies, especially since there are many excellent videos presently available in the Ministry Resource Center at the Catholic Center.

In some situations it is appropriate and permitted to substitute a video or audio program for a presenter in a course of study. Although this is not the ideal, in a distant rural setting or for people who find it impossible to get to the courses and workshops that are scheduled with a presenter, video assisted studies can replace courses required for certification.

For a video-based course to be approved for credit toward certification, the following criteria must be met:

1. Permission to use the course or workshop for credit is granted by the Office of Formation for Christian Service.
2. The video that is used for the course or workshop has been approved by the Office of Formation for Christian Service.
3. A group of least three people gather to pray together, view the videos, and discuss the connections between the video content and their own lives and ministries.
4. There is a course or workshop FACILITATOR, who designs some kind of interactive process for the participants to use with the video. The facilitator also takes attendance and sends the information about the course content, the number of hours, together with the participant attendance to the Office of Formation for Christian Service at the conclusion of the course.

There are hundreds of videos available for lend in the Ministry Resource Center, many of which can be used for this purpose. Parish ministers are encouraged to check out and use the resources available in the MRC for their own personal enrichment, with or without credit, and for their ministries.

Visit the MRC on-line catalogue at:

<http://library.archdiosf.org/opac/santafe/index.html>