

BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER  
**INSTITUTE**  
CATECHETICAL SCHOOL

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## WHAT IS THE LADDER OF ASCENT?

It is an exciting course offering from the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute Catechetical School, through the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Those who take the course will make an in-depth study of four areas: the Creed, the Sacraments, Christian Morality, and the Life of Prayer. Using the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the primary text, students will meet for two hours each week for a lecture and small group discussion on the weekly assignments from the Catechism and other supplementary texts. It is a two-year, four-semester course that addresses the whole content of faith. Each year consists of 30 weeks from September to May, as well as as outside preparation time.

## WHAT DOES IT COVER?

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC), published in 1994, was the first universal Catechism intended for the whole Catholic Church in over 400 years! It is divided into 4 sections, upon which the Church's teaching is based. The four sections are suggested in a description of the early Church found in Acts of the Apostles 2:42: *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers."*

**SEMESTER 1: "APOSTLES TEACHING," THE CREED: THE STORY IN MINIATURE**, offered in the fall of the first year, investigates the faith we profess in the Creed.

**SEMESTER 2: "BREAKING OF THE BREAD," THE SACRAMENTS: THE BLESSINGS REVEALED AND COMMUNICATED**, offered in the spring of the first year, explores the Sacraments of the Church, the faith we celebrate.

**SEMESTER 3: "FELLOWSHIP," THE MORAL LIFE: FULFILLMENT IN BEATITUDE**, offered in the fall of the second year, invites us to enter into the Moral Life of the Beatitudes and how to live the faith we profess.

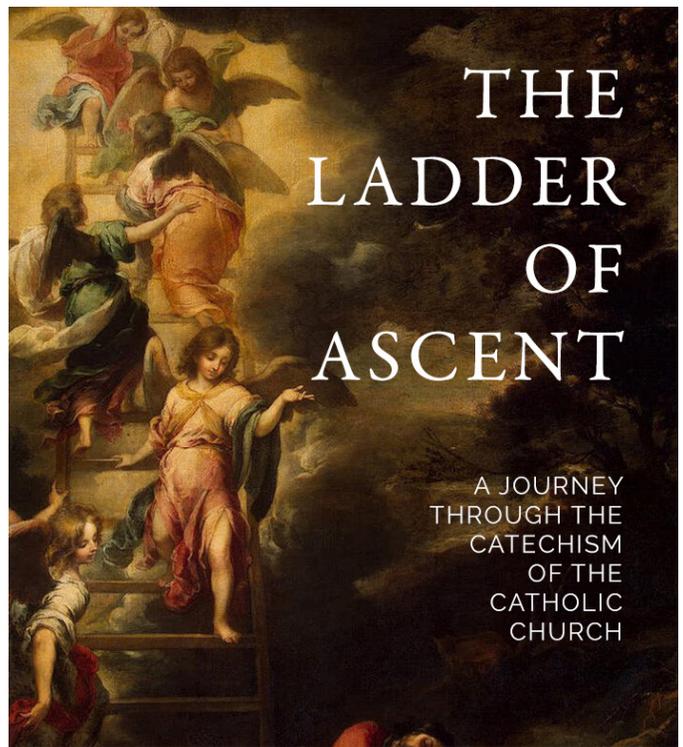
**SEMESTER 4: "PRAYER," THE BLESSINGS GIVEN AND RECEIVED**, offered in the spring of the second year, introduces us to the importance of Prayer in the life of faith, especially the Lord's Prayer.

## WHO SHOULD TAKE IT?

This course is aimed at committed adult learners who are willing to give themselves to a deeper study of their faith. No particular educational background is required and don't worry if you haven't been a student in a long time.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The year consists of 30 weeks of classes, from September to May with breaks included. Tuition for the year is \$600, plus a \$20 non-refundable registration fee. This includes your workbook—the cost of textbooks is additional. A 10% tuition discount is offered to students 65 and older, military, and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Parish volunteers receive a 40% discount. Employees of the Archdiocese, parishes, or schools receive a 50% discount. Priests, seminarians, deacons, and professed religious are all eligible for a full scholarship. Contact the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute for more details.



## WHY SHOULD I TAKE IT?

If you have ever been stumped by a faith question from a relative, friend or neighbor; if you're a catechist or a youth minister looking for a little refresher; if you're just someone who wants to enjoy a deeper faith experience, this course is for you! Much more than a rehashing of facts about the faith, this course will show you the narrative thread linking the teachings of the Church together.

## HOW DO I TAKE IT?

Each two-hour class session will include a lecture with time for Q&A, and a period of group reflection. To encourage involvement, each participant will be expected to finish the assigned reading and answer the study questions prior to class. A pass/fail assessment will also be given at the end of each semester as a learning tool.