

THEOLOGY PROGRAM

“Catechesis draws on theology, and theology draws in turn on the richness of the Church’s catechetical experience. Both must be at the service of the Church. Though intimately related, they are distinguished in practice by their goals, methods, and criteria.

Theology seeks fuller understanding of the gospel message through reflection on the life of Christians and the formal teachings of the Church. It employs systematic and critical methods. It uses philosophy, history, linguistics, and other disciplines in attempting to understand and express Christian truth more clearly.”

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the theology program are threefold:

1. to enrich one’s faith journey
2. to foster an understanding and appreciation of one’s faith
3. to provide a theological foundation for individuals interested in parish ministry

CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Attendance Certificate

Catechist Certification

Diocese of Little Rock
Office of Faith Formation

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INSTITUTE

2016-2017

CURRICULUM

| DATES | YEAR I |
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| September 9-10, 2016 | <i>COURSE 1</i> SCRIPTURE |
| October 7-8, 2016 | <i>COURSE 2</i> INTRO TO THOMISTIC PHILOSOPHY |
| November 4-5, 2016 | <i>COURSE 3</i> CATHOLIC THEOLOGY |
| December 2-3, 2016 | |
| January 6-7, 2017 | YEAR II |
| February 3-4, 2017 | <i>COURSE 1</i> SPECIAL TOPIC: SPIRITUALITY |
| March 3-4, 2017 | <i>COURSE 2</i> CHRISTOLOGY |
| April 7-8, 2017 | <i>COURSE 3</i> CHURCH HISTORY |
| May 5-6, 2017 | <i>COURSE 4</i> SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY |
| June 2-3, 2017 | |
| | YEAR III |
| | <i>COURSE 1</i> SPECIAL TOPIC: SPIRITUALITY |
| | <i>COURSE 2</i> ECCLESIOLOGY |
| | <i>COURSE 3</i> MORAL THEOLOGY |
| | <i>COURSE 4</i> PASTORAL MINISTRY |

STRUCTURE

1. Monthly input sessions:
Friday evening 7:00 – 10:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
2. Academic and Catechist certification require reading and written work.
3. We have a partnership with St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
If you wish to pursue a Bachelor's degree in theology please contact the Office of Faith Formation or visit www.dolr.org for more information.
5. All faculty are adjunct professors with St. Gregory's University

COST

Participants' cost:

- **Non refundable** registration fee of \$20.00. Registration is **NOT** complete until fee and form have been turned into the Office of Faith Formation.
- \$650.00 per year includes books, meals, fees for the professors.

Additional participant cost:

- Housing at St. John Center, \$40.00 per single room, \$50.00 per double room.
- Sessions are recorded, all sessions are available for download from the diocesan website or you may purchase a set of CD's for \$12.00 a month.

**Payments can be made monthly,
quarterly, biannually or annually.**

**Make checks payable to:
Diocese of Little Rock**

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