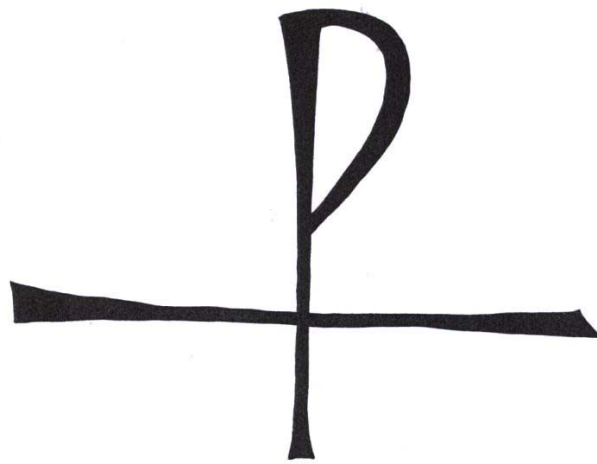


**Archdiocese of Cardiff
Department for Religious Education
Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies**



Specialist Modules

2009-2010

Catholic Education (Primary and Secondary)

Parish Catechesis

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Introduction

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It was introduced in 1991 to replace its predecessors, The Catholic Teachers' Certificate and the Certificate in Religious Education. Any person who is or wishes to be involved in Catholic education and formation may apply for this course. This includes those involved in Religious Education in schools, Parish Catechesis and other ministries in the Church and anyone who wishes to follow the course for faith development or personal interest. The course seeks to ensure that participants have at least a basic knowledge and understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic Faith. It also provides a basis for further study.

Course Aims

Study for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies aims to:

- provide teachers and those involved in parish ministry with knowledge and understanding of the teaching and beliefs of the Catholic Faith
- develop an appreciation of the principles of Catholic education at all levels
- employ and encourage sound adult educational processes which express Gospel values
- enhance understanding of education within the Church as a life-long process
- enable all participants to make an informed contribution to their chosen field of work in the Church
- highlight the role and function of Religious Education within the school curriculum.

Course Structure

The certificate can only be awarded after a minimum of two years' and a maximum of five years' study.

There are eight modules:

- six core modules
- two specialist modules.

The **core modules** explore the Scriptures, the Person of Jesus Christ, the Church and its sacramental life and moral understanding.

The **specialist modules** relate to each participant's ministry in the Church, covering such areas as Catholic Education, Religious Education in schools and Parish Catechesis.

Each module requires:

- ten hours' taught time
- an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.

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The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

Specialist Module Primary Schools 1: Catholic Education in Primary Schools

Tutor: Rev Dr Philip Manghan

Aim

The purpose of this module is to explore:

- the teaching of the Catholic Church on the nature and purpose of Catholic schools
- what makes a Catholic school distinctive
- participant's experiences of, and reflections upon, Catholic schooling.

Learning Objectives

Participants should:

- be familiar with Catholic Church documents on Catholic education
- be able to articulate a personal vision for Catholic education

Syllabus Outline

Session 1

The nature and purpose of Catholic Education in the 21st century

- Social context (relativism etc)
- Ecclesial context ('pilgrim' and 'convert' etc)
- Educational context (Church/government and philosophy of education)
- The main publications of the Vatican, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archdiocese regarding Catholic schools

Session 2

Examination of key aspects of school life in more detail (policy into practice), e.g.,

- prayer and worship
- charitable work
- relationships within school and between home, school and parish
- chaplaincy
- teachers as witnesses
- etc.

Be able to articulate a personal vision for Catholic Education based on Church expectations.

Assessment

Participants successfully complete the module with:

- attendance for at least 80% of the module,
- successful completion of an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.

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The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

Specialist Module Primary Schools 2: Religious Education in Primary Schools

Tutors: Mrs Anne Manghan and Rev Dr Philip Manghan

Aim

The purpose of this module is to explore:

- the teaching of the Catholic Church on the nature and purpose of religious education in Catholic schools
- the approved programmes of religious education in the Archdiocese of Cardiff

Learning Objectives

Participants should:

- be familiar with Catholic Church documents on religious education
- be familiar with approved programmes of religious education
- be able to articulate a personal vision for Catholic religious education

Syllabus Outline

Session 1

The nature and purpose of Catholic Religious Education in the 21st century

- Trends in Religious Education in the past 100 years
- Principles of Catholic Religious Education in the 21st century
- The main publications of the Vatican, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archdiocese regarding Religious Education
- Be able to articulate a personal vision for Religious Education based on Church expectations.

Session 2

Examination of relevant Religious Education programmes in more detail (policy into practice):

- The National Project's *Here I Am* programme including *God's Story* and *The Church's Story*.
(Mrs Anne Manghan, Director of RE, Archdiocese of Cardiff)

Assessment

Participants successfully complete the module with:

- attendance for at least 80% of the module,
- successful completion of an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.

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Specialist Module Secondary Schools 3: Catholic Education in Secondary Schools

Tutor: Rev Dr Philip Manghan

Aim

The purpose of this module is to explore:

- the teaching of the Catholic Church on the nature and purpose of Catholic schools
- what makes a Catholic school distinctive
- participant's experiences of, and reflections upon, Catholic schooling.

Learning Objectives

Participants should:

- be familiar with Catholic Church documents on Catholic education
- be able to articulate a personal vision for Catholic education

Syllabus Outline

Session 1

The nature and purpose of Catholic Education in the 21st century

- Social context (relativism etc)
- Ecclesial context ('pilgrim' and 'convert' etc)
- Educational context (Church/government and philosophy of education)
- The main publications of the Vatican, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archdiocese regarding Catholic schools

Session 2

Examination of key aspects of school life in more detail (policy into practice), e.g.,

- prayer and worship
- charitable work
- relationships within school and between home, school and parish
- chaplaincy
- teachers as witnesses
- etc.

Be able to articulate a personal vision for Catholic Education based on Church expectations.

Assessment

Participants successfully complete the module with:

- attendance for at least 80% of the module,
- successful completion of an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.

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Specialist Module Secondary Schools 4 : Religious Education in Secondary Schools

Tutor: Rev Dr Philip Manghan

Aim

The purpose of this module is to explore:

- the teaching of the Catholic Church on the nature and purpose of Catholic schools
- what makes a Catholic school distinctive
- participant's experiences of, and reflections upon, Catholic schooling.

Learning Objectives

Participants should:

- be familiar with Catholic Church documents on Catholic education
- be able to articulate a personal vision for Catholic education

Syllabus Outline

Session 1

The nature and purpose of Catholic Religious Education in the 21st century

- Trends in Religious Education in the past 100 years
- Principles of Catholic Religious Education in the 21st century
- The main publications of the Vatican, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archdiocese regarding Religious Education
- Be able to articulate a personal vision for Religious Education based on Church expectations.

Session 2

Examination of relevant Religious Education programmes in more detail (policy into practice):

- The National Project's *ICONS* programme
- The GCSE in RS
- Post-16 religious education
- religious education throughout the curriculum

Assessment

Participants successfully complete the module with:

- attendance for at least 80% of the module,
- successful completion of an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.

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Specialist Module: Parish Catechesis 1

Tutor: Rev Allan Davies Hale

Aim

The purpose of this module is to:

- enable participants to envisage catechesis as a life-long process of growth in faith that embraces an understanding and exploration of tradition, celebration, prayer, witness and service.

Learning Objectives

Participants should

- be able to envisage catechesis as a community process;
- be able to make connections between faith, theology, belief and catechesis;
- appreciate the significance of the partnership of home, school and parish;
- understand the needs of the Catholic community today;
- be able to communicate what they have learnt from an adult stance;

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Session 1

- Catechesis as a life-long process, collaborative process and faith development at different stages of life.
- Catechesis as related to evangelisation and religious education.
- The life of the community of faith in the world; the significance of experience, prayer, celebration, witness and service.

Session 2

- The sharing and nurturing of faith in the community.
- The study of RCIA and various examples of catechetical programmes in the light of theological and catechetical principles, with reference to Vatican II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Assessment

Participants successfully complete the module with:

- attendance for at least 80% of the module,
- successful completion of an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.

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Specialist Module: Parish Catechesis 2

Tutor: Rev Allan Davies Hale

Aim

To enable participants to:

- continue the process of theological reflection and faith-sharing;
- become more confident in facilitating such reflection and faith-sharing as leaders of groups.

Learning Objectives

Participants should:

- become familiar with existing catechetical programmes;
- be able to evaluate, adapt and design catechetical material to suit the needs of their situation;
- be able to communicate what they have learnt from an adult stance;

Syllabus Outline

Session 1

- The principles and practice of RCIA and its relation to all catechetical work;
- Catechetical needs of different age-groups, such as preparation for the Sacraments.
- A study of the ways in which different age groups can be helped to pray and reflect on Scripture.

Session 2

- A study of the catechetical principles involved in the preparation of Children's Masses, and various forms of liturgical celebration including Children's Liturgy of the Word.
- The formation and organisation of various adult faith-sharing groups, justice and peace groups, Scripture study groups etc.
- The Parish Project.

Assessment

Participants successfully complete the module with:

- attendance for at least 80% of the module,
- successful completion of an assignment of 1500 words or equivalent.