

Course Description for the diocesan 2010 Formation Process in Spanish

Unless otherwise noted, all courses run from 8:30am to 3:30pm and cost \$20.

Locations in the western vicariate will be confirmed shortly.

Last updated: May 27, 2010

Enrolment deadline for 2010 courses (described in black) and “Camino a Cristo - Pathways” registration deadlines (in blue) are listed below - Enrolment and Registration Information on next page.

- **“Camino a Cristo-Pathways” in Spanish (February 27 – Registration Deadline February 5):** This course will include instruction on: 1) The Vocation of the Catechist, 2) Use of Creed and Holy Scripture, and 3) Methodologies for adult, youth and child catechists. This course is required for all catechists and leaders. Participants must be recommended by their pastors or a contact designated by them. Adult catechists are strongly encouraged to complete the VIRTUS class and Child/ Youth catechists are required to complete Virtus and take a background check. The course will be taught by Fr. Tony Marques, with afternoon sessions facilitated by qualified lay catechists. **Location:** 9:30am-5pm; St. Agustin Parish in Richmond; St. Andrew Parish in Roanoke.
- **Workshop: “Discernment” (March 13 – Registration Deadline February 19):** This course will focus on understanding the movement of the Holy Spirit and living as Disciples of Christ. The course will be taught by Fr. Shay Auerbach, SJ. **Location:** Pastoral Center in Richmond; Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle.
- **Workshop: “The Leader and Human Development” (830am - 3pm; April 10, 2010 – Enrolment and Registration Deadline February 5):** This course will review personal development and life-balance as essential practices for the leader. Also covered will be maintaining positive self-image, appropriate relationships and good working relationships. The course will be taught by Sister Inmaculada Cuesta, CMS, and Dr. Adrian Marchí, Ph.D, candidate for the diaconate. **Location:** St. Mary Parish in Richmond; Our Lady of Nazareth in Roanoke.
- **Workshop: “Biblical Spirituality” (June 12 – Registration Deadline May 21):** Discover the richness and power of Sacred Scripture. The course will be taught by Fr. Tony Marques and Fr. Wayne Ball. **Location:** St. Mary Parish in Richmond; Jubilee House in Abingdon.
- **Workshop: “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (July 24 –Registration Deadline July 2):** Understand this fundamental text and its use in teaching Church doctrine. The course will be taught by Fr. Wayne Ball. **Location:** St. Mary Parish in Richmond; Jubilee House in Abingdon; Sacred Heart in Danville and Our Lady of Nazareth in Roanoke.
- **Workshop: “Pastoral Methodologies” (September 18 –Registration Deadline August 27):** This course provide the tools necessary to effectively plan and organize the pastoral care of Hispanics-Latinos in local parishes. The course will be taught by Fr. Tony Marques. **Location:** St. Mary Parish in Richmond; Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle; additional locations TBA.
- **“Camino a Cristo-Pathways” in Spanish (October 23 – Registration Deadline October 1):** The course will be taught by Fr. Wayne Ball with afternoon sessions facilitated by qualified lay catechists. **Time:** 9:30am-5pm; **Location:** St. Mary Parish in Richmond, Western region TBA.
- **Workshop: “Information Technology” (November 6 –Registration Deadline October 15):** This course will provide an introductory overview of Word, PowerPoint and the use of the Internet to research course materials from Catholic sites approved by the USCCB. The course will be taught by Sr. Inmaculada Cuesta, CMS and Erik Manuel Giblin. **Location:** Pastoral Center in Richmond, Western region TBA.
- **Workshop: Prayer Retreat (November 20 –Registration Deadline October 29):** This retreat will focus on the study and practice of different types and traditions of prayer of the Church. The retreat will be led by Fr. Tony Marques. **Location:** Comboni Missionary Sisters Convent in Richmond, Western region TBA.

Enrolment and Registration Information 2010 Courses in Spanish.

Who should enroll? Every Hispanic catechist and parish group leader is required to take the “El camino a Cristo-Pathways” course to attain recognition as a catechist by the diocese. The additional courses will be required for your leaders, but optional for catechists and parish group members. All participants must have permission from their pastors to take these courses.

Please note that a “leader” may be a paid staff or volunteer and can play a wide range of roles in the parish, such as a sacramental preparation/Quinceañera/ social ministries coordinator, choir director, charismatic group leader, or special assistant to the pastor.

Other parishioners are welcome to take any of the formation courses with authorization from their pastor and the availability of space. A certificate will be given upon successful completion of each course.

The 2010 courses serve as a prerequisite for the proposed School of Ministries – Escuela de ministerios. Upon successful completion of all these courses, lay leaders will receive recognition by the Office for the Hispanic Apostolate. In consultation with their pastors, they then may be able to enroll in the School of Ministries, which will tentatively become operational in 2011.

When/ Location: All leaders’ courses will normally take place on Saturdays between 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. “Camino a Cristo - Pathways” courses will go from 9:30am-5:00pm. For convenience of pastors and participants, the 2010 courses will be simultaneously taught in Richmond and made available via Skype at a parish or other facility in the western vicariate. So far, resources at the diocese permit two courses to be taught simultaneously. Courses will be made available in additional areas as technology and resources permit. Locations in the western vicariate are still being determined. The Office for the Hispanic Apostolate will inform pastors and their selected lay parish leaders as these are confirmed.

Cost: There will be a one-time \$10 enrolment fee to participate in the 2010 session, to be paid by the participant. In addition, each course will cost \$30. In light of these economic times, the diocese will cover 1/3 of the cost for the courses. I suggest that the remainder (\$20) be split between the participant and the parish or by some other arrangement that the pastor deem appropriate. The parish will be billed directly for enrolment and course fees.

How to enroll: Participants will register directly with Ms. Olga Lucía Sánchez, Administrative Assistant for the Office of the Hispanic Apostolate. Her email is: osanchez@richmonddiocese.org.

To better facilitate the organization of these courses, a three-week deadline for registration and payment will be maintained.