

The Extended Program

is a three-year program (144 clock hours) consisting of 12 six-week courses offered at different centers throughout the diocese.

COURSES

Introduction to the Bible and Pentateuch

**The Historical and Prophetic Books
of the Old Testament**

Psalms and Wisdom

**Introduction to the New Testament,
The Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke,
and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles**

**The Gospel of John and
the Book of Revelation**

**Pauline Writings and
New Testament Letters**

Liturgy

Morality

Sacraments of Initiation

Sacraments of Healing and Vocation

Church

Trinity

Continuing Education Program

offers ongoing Scripture and theological courses for persons who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

COURSES

The Gospel of Mark

The Gospel of Luke

The Gospel of Matthew

Documents of Vatican II

100 Years of Catholic Social Teaching

**The Structure and Functioning
of the Church: A Look at Church Law**

Media Literacy

Church History

Christology

Social Justice

**Psychology & Theology of
the Adolescent**

**History of the Catholic Church
in the United States**

Church Law and the Laity

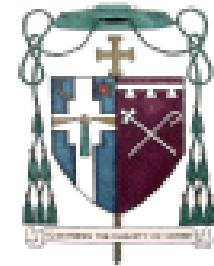
The Time and Works of St. Paul

Classes are offered on a rotating basis.

Pastoral Institute

*Continuing Adult Faith
Enrichment Program*

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Diocese of Victoria

"Adult faith formation, by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study, must be "the central task in [this] catechetical enterprise..."
Our Hearts Were Burning (OHWB) 5, USCCB

**The Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer
Bishop of Victoria**

Look for a schedule of classes in
The Catholic Lighthouse.

The Pastoral Institute

is committed to making adult faith formation and education a high priority in the Diocese of Victoria by providing a solid curriculum of basic courses pertaining to the Catholic faith.



Understanding and living the Catholic faith is a lifelong commitment. Each person is called to grow continually and to respond openly to Christ in his or her life.



Distance Learning

In the fall of 2008 the Pastoral Institute began offering courses via distance learning to parishes in the diocese.

"At all times and in every age, the Church faces unique opportunities and challenges as it proclaims the Good News of God's reign. Today is no exception.

The world is being reshaped by technology. Not only are computers transforming the way we live and work, they enable many adults to pursue lifelong learning to keep pace with the rapidly changing workplace. Communication technology has also made the world smaller through e-mail, global networks, and increased contacts with other cultures. This globalization of society increases our awareness of and interdependence with other peoples and societies. Adults are responding to these changes by self-directed learning, on-the-job training, and enrolling in continuing education courses in large numbers." OHWB #27

General Program Certificates

The **Short-term Program Certificate** is issued for completing seven theological Short-term classes.

The **Extended Program Certificate** is issued for completing the three-year program (144 clock hours) consisting of twelve six-week courses.

Catechetical Program Certificates

A **Basic Certificate for Catechist Formation** is issued for attending all the catechetical and theological Short-term classes.

An **Advanced Catechist Formation Certificate** is issued for successfully completing the twelve extended program courses as well as the catechetical Short-term program classes.

Liturgical Ministers Classes

Lectors are expected to take the Short-term program classes **Liturgy, Scripture, and Proclaiming the Word.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are expected to take the Short-term program classes **Liturgy, Sacraments, and Ministers of Communion.**

Music Ministers are expected to take the Short-term program classes **Liturgy, Scripture, Liturgy Preparation and/or Music Showcase.**

Pastoral Institute Records & Certificates

A *Class Record* is created for each person who attends the Pastoral Institute. Certificates are issued for completed courses and noted on the individual's record.

"I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest."
(John 4:35)

Short-term Classes



(video-assisted program)

CATECHESIS

Getting Started
Roles of the Catechist
The Person of the Catechist

METHODOLGY

Methods for Grades 1 and 2
Methods for Grades 3 and 4
Methods for Grades 5 and 6
Methods for Grades 7 and 8

Basic Formation in Youth Ministry
(Grades 9-12 - non-Echoes class)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Learner

THEOLOGICAL CLASSES

The Scriptures
I Believe, We Believe
Liturgy
Sacraments
Catholic Morality
Prayer and Spirituality
Church (Non-Echoes course)

LITURGICAL CLASSES

Ministers of Communion
Proclaiming the Word
Liturgy Planning
Music Showcase