

FAITH FORMATION/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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The Diocese of Portland offers many opportunities for training and faith formation. Please consider attending any of the following.

CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

One Saturday a month from September 24th, 2011 to May 19th, 9am-4pm

The two Basic Certificates offered by the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization out of Saint John's Seminary (SJS) provide a full experience of the truth of Christ. Either the Catechetical Certificate or the Catholicism Certificate provide you with the formation you need to enter more deeply into the truth of Christ.

The Catechetical Certificate prepares you to be a better teacher of the faith. The successful completion of the Catechetical Certificate will lead to certification recognized by the Diocese of Portland.

CATECHETICAL SKILLS SESSIONS

Skill sessions are offered at various times throughout the year by the Diocese via video-conferencing. These sessions are required for members of the Catechetical Certificate program, *but they are open to all.*

FAITH FORMATION SUMMIT

Friday, September 9 at St. Augustine Church, Augusta

Saturday, September 10 at St. Peter Church, East Millinocket

Sunday, September 11 at Most Holy Trinity Church, Saco

All sessions are 12-4p.m.

Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

Featuring Patrick Coffin from Catholic Answers Live.

LIFETEEN/EDGE CORE MEMBER UNIVERSITY

Saturday, October 15, 8am-5pm, St. Mary's, Wells

Core Members are the backbone of the youth ministry body. Without a healthy and strong Core Team, things aren't going to move very well or go very far. Core Member Universities (CMUs) are designed to do two things: share the vision and offer training. These vibrant, one-day regional trainings are held in almost 20 cities around the U.S. - we're coming to where you are, to help you get teens to where God is!

\$65 by October 6, \$75 after October 6

TRAINING WORKSHOPS DURING YOUTH CONVENTION/RETREAT

Training Workshops for Catechists/Youth Ministers will be offered during the High School Journey Retreat and the Youth Convention. You do not need to attend the whole weekend to take part in the workshops.

Nov 4-6 Journey Retreat

Apr 20-22 Catholic Youth Convention

**For YM CORE Team,
Catechists, Parents,
Or Anyone Interested
In Learning More About
Our Beautiful, Rich
Catholic Faith!**

The Catholic faith is inexhaustibly rich. Jesus draws us into the adventure of catechesis, the searching of His mystery, to fill us with joy and to enable us to share this joy with all people. The Church exists in order to evangelize. Catechesis is not mere instruction, because Christian truth is not mere information. Christian truth is a Person: Jesus, the Word of God, Who became man for our sake. Thus, "the definitive aim of catechesis is to bring people...into communion, into intimacy, with Jesus Christ."
- Catechesi Tradendae 5