



## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities Diocese of Sacramento Winter Programs March 1, 2010



The following bulletin-ready announcements provide information about adult faith formation activities in our diocese. For more information about these workshops, **or to advertise a workshop your parish is planning**, please contact the department of Evangelization & Catechesis at **916.733.0123**. If you are planning a workshop for which you would like to award Certification hours, please contact the Diocesan Director of Catechesis, Mr. Stephen Matuszak at [smatuszak@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:smatuszak@diocese-sacramento.org).

### Lay Formation Institute

**Lay Formation Institute, Year 1, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Fairfield:** Classes will be held on Saturdays, 8:00am – 4:30pm. On **March 6 Darcy Wharton** will present **“Handing on the Faith: Teaching the Way that Jesus did!”** The next class will be on April 10 with the culminating retreat on May 1 at Mercy Center in Auburn. The cost is \$25.00 per 8 hour course. Bring a bag lunch. To register, please call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, 916.733.0123. **8 hours toward Basic Certification**

**Lay Formation Institute, Year 1, at Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff:** Classes are on Saturdays, 8:00am – 4:30pm. On **March 6 Steve Matuszak** will present **“Handing on the Faith: Teaching the Way that Jesus did!”** The next class will be on April 24 with a culminating retreat on May 15. The cost is \$25.00 per 8 hour course. Bring a bag lunch. To register, call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, 916.733.0123. **8 hours toward Basic Certification**

**Lay Formation Institute, Year 1, at Saint Anthony Parish in Sacramento:** Classes will be held on Saturdays, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. On Saturday, **March 20 Jason van Buskirk** will present **“Christian Prayer – Path to Victory.”** Future sessions include April 17 “Life in Christ: Good Teacher, What Must I Do to Have Eternal Life?”, May 15 “Handing on the Faith the Way that Jesus Did!”, and June 19 “A Catholic Introduction to the Depths of Sacred Scripture.” Attending all session completes the educational requirements for Basic Catechist Certification. The cost is \$25.00 per 8 hour course. Bring a bag lunch. To register, please call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, 916.733.0123. **8 hours toward Basic Certification**

**Lay Formation Institute, Year 1, at Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale:** Classes will be Saturdays, 8:00am – 4:30pm. **March 20 Carson Weber** will present **“A Catholic Introduction to the Depths of Sacred Scripture.”** The next class will be on April 17 with the culminating retreat on May 1 at Mercy Center in Auburn. The cost is \$25.00 per 8 hour class. Bring your Bible and a bag lunch. To register, call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, 916.733.0123. **8 hours toward Basic Certification**

**Lay Formation Institute, Year 2, at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento:** Classes will be held on Saturdays, 9:00am – 4:00pm; On **March 20 George Wing, M.A.** will present the third of the four session sequence on Church History and the Catholic Theological Tradition: **“The Renaissance & Reformation: 1350-1750 A.D.”** The fourth session, entitled “The Church in the modern and post-modern world: 1750-2010 A.D.,” will be on April 10. The cost is \$25.00 per 6 hour session. To register, call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, 916.733.0123. **6 Hours toward Renewal of Basic Certification**

## Scripture Institute

Cycle Three of Scripture Institute on the **Gospel of Luke** presented by **Sr. Katherine Doyle, RSM** runs **Tuesday evenings, now through March 23** from **7:00-9:00 PM** at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center in Sacramento**. The cost is \$10 per session. To register and for more information, call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis at 916.733.0123. **2 Hours toward Renewal of Basic Certification each session**

## RCIA Effective Coordinator's Workshops

Sponsored by the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis and the Department of Worship, these workshops are for Coordinators and also for catechists and RCIA team members; they are designed to help strengthen the over all effectiveness of the RCIA in the parish. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center from **8:30 - Noon** on **April 24**, "**Implementing the power and beauty of the Rites without stress: Tips for planning, coordinating and celebrating the Rites.**" Presented by Diocesan pastoral staff and members of the Diocesan RCIA Committee. The session is \$10 per person. Please come with your Rite book. To register, call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, 916.733.0123. **2 Hours toward Basic or Renewal of Certification**

## Formation Opportunities in Parishes in the Diocese

**The Last Week: Stories of Passion and Resurrection in John's Gospel** Join **Ann Denham, M. Div.**, two Wednesday evenings in Lent, as we explore Holy Week Events in John's Gospel from **7:00-8:45 PM** in **Brunsmann Hall at St. Francis**. **March 3** we'll look at the situation of John's community and focus on the Entry to Jerusalem, the Foot Washing and the Supper Discourses. **March 10** we'll continue with the Passion and Resurrection. What happened? What did it mean for John's community? What is the meaning for us? **1.75 Hours per session toward Basic in the area of Spiritual Formation or Renewal in the area of Scripture or Spiritual Formation**

**Lent 2010 Ignatian Spirituality** During this Lenten Season, you are invited to journey with St. Ignatius Parish community to pray, reflect, and learn about Ignatian Spirituality. **Fr. Michael Moynahan, S.J.** and **Fr. Art Wehr, S.J.** will present a series of lectures on **March 9** and **March 16** at the **St. Ignatius Parish Office** in the mornings from **10:00-11:30 AM** or in the evenings from **7:00-8:30 PM**. Please call (916) 482-9666, ext. 238 for more information. **1.5 Hours per session toward Basic or Renewal in the area of Spiritual Formation of the Catechist**

**Take Nothing for the Journey... the way of simplicity** In the world of busyness and clutter, the Lenten spirit challenges us to set aside all those things in our lives that keep us from living life abundantly in Jesus. Frequently Jesus invited his disciples to "come aside" to renew their spirits and experience what is the true treasure. You are invited to this small interlude with the Lord. Come and see, reflect and listen to the Gospel call. **Sr. Katherine Doyle, RSM** will give this presentation on **Thurs. March 11**, from **5:30-9:30 pm** in the **St. James Memorial Center at St. James Parish in Davis**. A soup supper will be served. Donations are appreciated. Please call **Veronic Nosek** at **(530) 756-3636** by the morning of March 11 to register. **4 Hours toward Basic or Renewal in the area of Spiritual Formation of the Catechist**

## University of Sacramento ONLINE COURSE

For more information or to register for classes visit [www.universityofsacramento.org](http://www.universityofsacramento.org) or (916) 443-4760

### **Catholic Spirituality: An Introduction**

This course will be an introduction to the foundational themes of Catholic spirituality, from a historic and doctrinal approach. It will highlight the pillars of the spiritual life for the followers of Jesus Christ, and offer some tools for assessment of current trends. This four-week series will focus on: The doctrinal underpinnings of Christian spirituality, the essential questions and consequent practices through history, an understanding of current trends in general culture, particularly the *New Age / Next Age*, and review of the pertinent recent documents from the Holy See. The means of study will be a development of the bases of Catholic spirituality from the basic truths of the Gospel and the Church's spiritual practices through the ages.

**Classes begin March 4. Thursday evenings: 6:00-7:30 PM; Instructor: Fr. Robert Prosutti, LC, PhD. 6 hours of Renewal of Certification Credit for completing this course**

## Catholic Distance University ONLINE COURSE

For more information or to register for classes visit [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu)

### **The Last Words of Christ**

The Passion of our Lord culminates with His suffering and death on the cross. This three-week online seminar will focus on the Seven Last Words of Christ, as recorded in the Gospels. These short sentences offer a glimpse into our Lord's heart and capture the torment, mercy, physical suffering, and isolation he endured during His final hours on earth. Participants will learn some of the devotions and meditations across the centuries that have focused on these Words; summarize the truths that Jesus teaches from the cross; and be able to apply these final words of Jesus to one's everyday life. **Classes are March 8 – 29; Instructor:**

**Stephen Kass 9 hours of toward Renewal in the area of Spiritual Formation**