

Proposed Weekly Format for the Online Course

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. Reading of the designated paragraphs
4. Period of prayerful reflection 7mins.
 - ♦ *What strikes you?*
 - ♦ *What do you find hard to understand?*
 - ♦ *What is the relevance of these paragraphs nowadays?*
5. Discussion in breakout rooms 10 mins.
6. General discussion
7. Brief commentary
8. Reading for the coming Week
9. Final prayer

Certificates

Those who sign up for all or some of the six terms of the three-year long course, will be asked to prepare for each meeting by reading designated paragraphs from the *Catechism*. We will send a digital copy of the *Catechism* to each participant. No written work will be required. However, if some participants wanted to write a 1,500 essay on a topic dealt with during the term it would be read and commented on. A certificate will be issued at the end of the six terms of the three year course to those who had attended them all.

Required Reading

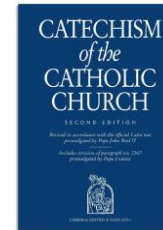
1. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
2. *A Catholic Bible* - these are widely available online.

If you wish to have a paperback edition of the *Catechism*, the **blue** cover version is the most up to date (the white/tan and green covers are older)

Registration for the Course

- Please email Sr. Jane Forde at janeforde@gmail.com to book your place.
- **To make payment:** Go to our website <https://www.newspringtime.ie/>
- Scroll down to black panel at end of Home page and click the green DONATE NOW button.
- When the 'Give Back' page opens, scroll to this box and enter €25 for a term, €50 for a year and €125 for three years. Continue to fill in your donor name, email, card details, as instructed. Then click the green DONATE button.

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3-year Certificate course on THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



The decision to publish an official catechism was taken at the Second Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that was convened by Pope John Paul II on 25 January 1985. It aimed to evaluate the progress of implementing the Vatican II Council's goals on the 20th anniversary of its closure. The assembly participants expressed the desire that "a catechism or compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be composed. The catechism aims at presenting an organic synthesis of the essential and fundamental contents of Catholic doctrine, as regards both faith and morals, in the light of the Second Vatican Council and the whole of the Church's Tradition. Its principal sources are the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church, the liturgy, and the Church's Magisterium.



For one reason or another many adult Catholics are not familiar with aspects of the Church's teachings on doctrinal and ethical matters. With a view to helping interested Catholics to get better acquainted with their faith, the New Springtime Community is going to run a three-year course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in the belief that as they grow in a knowledge of the truth of Jesus Christ and what his Church teaches in his name, the participants will not only find it enlightening, they will also find that they are better equipped to share their faith with others in a confident and well-informed way.

Day/Date of Course: WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Wednesday, 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm

**Cost of Course: €25 per term, €50 per year
€125 for those who sign up for the three years**

The course will be conducted by Fr. Pat Collins CM, MA, STL

Proposed Format for the Course

YEAR ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

September-December 2023

- Week 1: Introductions and Prologue (i)
- Week 2: Introductions and Prologue (ii)
- Week 3: Man's Capacity for God
- Week 4: The Revelation of God
- Week 5: Sacred Scripture
- Week 6: Man's Response to God
- Week 7: I Believe in God
- Week 8: God and Creation
- Week 9: The Mystery of Creation
- Week 10: The Human Person made in God's Image
- Week 11: The Reality of Sin
- Week 12: I Believe in Jesus Christ

January-April 2024

- Week 1: The Word Became Flesh... Born of the Virgin Mary
- Week 2: Christ's Whole Life is Mystery
- Week 3: The Paschal Mystery
- Week 4: Jesus Died Crucified
- Week 5: Resurrection, Ascension, He Will Come Again in Glory
- Week 6: I Believe in the Holy Spirit
- Week 7: The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church (i)
- Week 8: The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church (ii)
- Week 9: The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church (iii)
- Week 10: The Communion of Saints & The Motherhood of Mary
- Week 11: Death and Judgement
- Week 12: The Life Everlasting



YEAR TWO: CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY; LIFE IN CHRIST

September-December 2024

- Week 1: Celebrating the Christian Mystery
- Week 2: The Liturgy – Work of the Holy Trinity
- Week 3: Celebrating the Church's Liturgy (i)
- Week 4: Celebrating the Church's Liturgy (ii)
- Week 5: Celebrating the Church's Liturgy (iii)
- Week 6: Sacrament of Baptism (i)
- Week 7: Sacrament of Baptism (ii); Sacrament of Confirmation
- Week 8: Sacrament of the Eucharist (i)
- Week 9: Sacrament of the Eucharist (ii)
- Week 10: Sacrament of the Eucharist (iii); Sacraments of Healing
- Week 11: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (i)
- Week 12: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (ii)

January-April 2025

- Week 1: Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- Week 2: Sacrament of Holy Orders (i)
- Week 3: Sacrament of Holy Orders (ii); Sacrament of Marriage (i)
- Week 4: Sacrament of Marriage (ii); Other Liturgical Celebrations
- Week 5: The Moral Life – The Vocation to Beatitude
- Week 6: Human Freedom and Moral Action
- Week 7: Moral Conscience; The Virtues (i)
- Week 8: The Virtues (ii); Sin
- Week 9: The Human Community
- Week 10: God's Salvation: Law and Grace
- Week 11: Grace and Justification
- Week 12: The Church, Mother and Teacher

YEAR THREE: LIFE IN CHRIST (II); CHRISTIAN PRAYER

September-December 2025

- Week 1: The First Commandment
- Week 2: The Second & Third Commandments
- Week 3: The Fourth Commandment
- Week 4: The Fourth & Fifth Commandment
- Week 5: The Fifth Commandment
- Week 6: The Fifth Commandment
- Week 7: The Sixth Commandment
- Week 8: The Sixth Commandment
- Week 9: The Sixth & Seventh Commandment
- Week 10: The Seventh Commandment
- Week 11: The Seventh & Eighth Commandment
- Week 12: The Eighth, Ninth & Tenth Commandments



January-April 2026

- Week 1: What is Prayer?
- Week 2: The Revelation of Prayer (i)
- Week 3: The Revelation of Prayer (ii); Forms of Prayer (i)
- Week 4: Forms of Prayer (ii)
- Week 5: The Way and Life of Prayer (i)
- Week 6: The Way and Life of Prayer (ii)
- Week 7: The Way and Life of Prayer (iii)
- Week 8: The Lord's Prayer (i)
- Week 9: The Lord's Prayer (ii)
- Week 10: The Lord's Prayer (iii)
- Week 11: The Lord's Prayer (iv)
- Week 12: Addendum: READING FOR LIFE

[There may be minor changes in the subjects covered in the different sessions]