

Christian Formation Course 2020

This course may be for you if:

- ▶ You feel that your faith would be enriched if you had greater knowledge and understanding of what it involves
- ▶ You like to be better equipped to participate in conversations with friends or colleagues about issues of faith
- ▶ You welcome the opportunity to join a class of like-minded people wishing to explore and deepen their faith
- ▶ You feel called to explore your faith in a deeper and more systematic way

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE 2020 UNITS

1. Journey of Faith

Human relating and basic communication; reflection on life experiences in the light of faith; participants' experience of encountering God in life and their own faith journey.

2. Revelation of God

Images of God; essence of revelation: overview of Vatican 11's Dei Verbum: Christ - the Word of God - present in the living Tradition; Revelation vs Fundamentalism

3. Revelation in Scripture: Old Testament

The world of the Old Testament; the experience of Exodus and the Covenant; the experience of exile as a lens to interpret the story; prophetic voices that shaped the chosen people.

4. Revelation in Scripture: New Testament

St Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles; Acts of the Apostles; Gospels: portraits of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ of Faith; writings of St John

5. The Church from Age to Age

The Beginning: through the Dark Ages to the Age of Faith; Middle Ages; Reformation and beyond: New beginnings and old prejudices; the Modern Age

6. People of God

Contemporary Church - the centrality of Vatican 11; Lumen Gentium; Mystery, Communio, People of God; Authority; Priesthood of all; Role of the Laity

7. Sacramental Life of the Church

The sacramental nature of human life; Foundations for sacramental theology in the Paschal Mystery; Sacraments of Initiation; other sacraments

8. Liturgical Life of the Church

Reflecting on the nature of Catholic liturgy as the 'primary and indispensable source of the true Christian spirit'. (CGL a. 14)

Expression of Interest form over page

For more detailed description of the units see the Christian Formation Course Handbook 2020 available on the Diocesan website.

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Expressions of Interest

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Address		
		Post Code
Phone	H	W
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Email		
Parish		
Parish ministries / roles (if any)		

In an effort to make the course as accessible to as many people as possible we request that you indicate your preferences, first, second and third for a venue and time that best suits you.

Venue			Time and Day		
MacKillop Centre	Charlestown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	6:00 - 9:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corcoran Centre	Morpeth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	6:00 - 9:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
CatholicCare	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	9:30 - 12:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Hall	Warners Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	9:30 - 12:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Course Fee: \$480.00 (In the belief that cost should not be a barrier to faith formation, fees are negotiable in event of financial difficulty. Please contact Course Administration if fee assistance is required).

Signed:	<input type="text"/>	Dated:	<input type="text"/>
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**For enquiries or returning the EOI call 02 4979 1334 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au
RSVP: by 18th November**

This course is a face-to-face experience of twelve months duration with eight units each of five weeks – two units in each school term. Unit Presenters include Teresa Brierley, Patricia Egan rsj, Gerard Mowbray, Louise Gannon rsj, Bernadette Gibson, Michael O'Connor and many more. Details of venues and times are to be announced. However the course will begin in the first week of term 1 in 2020.



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