



Ongoing Formation Opportunities 2019-20

Ongoing Formation classes are required annually of those Catechetical Leaders, Catechists, and Teachers who have completed the Foundational Catechetical Certification components (BIBLE; METHODS; PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY; MORALITY; CREED; SACRAMENTS & LITURGY). Please read the entire Diocesan policy on Catechetical Certification at www.gbdioc.org/fcc.

Completion of all sessions of any of the following offerings is required for Ongoing Formation (any make-up work must be arranged with the facilitator/instructor). A completion form must be submitted to the Department of Education, including verification by the facilitator/instructor of the series in order to receive credit for Ongoing Formation.

The following courses, when taken in a parish/group setting, qualify for Ongoing Formation (catechetical certification):

- **Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Group *Life in the Spirit Seminars***



The DCRC (Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center) was established in 1987 to meet the needs of the thirty prayer groups throughout the Diocese of Green Bay. It serves as a meeting place for prayer group leaders, a resource center for media relating to the Charismatic Renewal and the Catholic Church, and an information center for local, regional, and national charismatic activities, speakers, and topics. The Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Group serves charismatic prayer groups, those who would like a deeper relationship with the Lord and those who would like more

information about charismatic renewal.

More Information:

Website: charismaticrenewal.org

Contact: Judy Goolsbey, President of the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Group

E-mail: jgoolsbey@att.net

- ***Cursillo* Retreats**



Cursillo seeks to uplift Catholics in their faith by deepening three actions of the Holy Spirit: piety, study and action. The world-wide Cursillo movement has centers in most countries. The first Cursillo in the United States was in 1957 in Waco, Texas. A priest and two Spanish Air Force trainees were the key figures. The first Cursillo in the Diocese of Green Bay was in 1965 and has been going since. Four Cursillos are held per year. The basic Cursillo weekend format has remained constant but as in all things, changes and updates have been made in the retreat format. There have

been 200+ weekends in the Diocese of Green Bay with over 7,000+ Cursillistas meeting the challenge of Pope Pius XII to penetrate our environments and bring the world back to Christ.

More Information:

Website | natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay

Father Dave Pleier | spiritual director

(920) 328-7020



- ***Christian Experience Weekends***

Christian Experience Weekends began as an adaptation of Cursillo retreats. Candidates and team experience prayer in the Sacraments, Morning and Evening prayer. Reconciliation tends to be a

major turning point on the weekend. CEW challenges the average Catholic, accustomed to simply coming to Mass on Sunday, to participate in a two-day weekend event. While a lot of persuasion is used for sign up, once the weekend starts participants become captivated by the whirlwind speed of events, as well as the intensity of spiritual feelings found. While the weekend may seem to go by fast, many have commented that they spent months sorting out what the weekend of religious intensity started. Just like the room where the apostles experienced Pentecost, many average parishioners, who have never had such days, consistently encounter the Holy Spirit.

More Information:

Website: lakeshorecew.org

Contacts:

Deacon Bob Beehner, Spiritual Director **Phone:** (920) 684-3718

Deacon Dave Scheuer, Spiritual Director **E-mail:** dscheuer@bsagb.com

- ***Koinonia* Retreats**



Koinonia is a Catholic retreat, (a weekend experience) and an invitation to encounter Jesus while continuing life's journey. Koinonia strives to meet everyone where they are at and assist them on their spiritual journey. Koinonia brings the Paschal Mystery to life so that the dying and rising of Christ are experienced in a real and powerful way. The weekend consists of talks, discussions, reflections, sharing, prayer, and liturgical celebrations. A team of lay people, clergy, and religious lead the experience, which is held in a loving and accepting atmosphere. Koinonia brings each

person into one community, one body gathered in the name of Jesus, who is the center of the weekend.

More Information

Contact: Tom McGrath, President of Koinonia

Call: 715-219-0214 or email: tommcg3911@gmail.com

- ***Catholic Evangelization Studies Courses I, II, III* Department of New Evangelization, Diocese of Green Bay:**



This seminar is designed to form disciples of Jesus Christ who can embrace the spiritual, theological and pastoral tasks of the New Evangelization. Participants will leave this seminar with tools that will enable them to craft deep habits of prayer, articulate the Evangelical and Ecclesial foundations for evangelization and implement a mission centered vision for their parishes. This is a three phase seminar (Courses I, II, III) in formation for the New Evangelization. It focuses on the need to restore Kerygmatic experience and preaching to the center of the Church's work of evangelization and aims to give participants the resources to minister within the context of the new evangelization.

More Information

Contact: Department of New Evangelization

Call: 920-272-8276 or email: mgarcia@gbdioc.org

- ***Introduction to RCIA* seminar: Office of Divine Worship, Diocese of Green Bay**



This series is to assist parish leaders with the presentation of a fruitful RCIA program within their parish. Background, resources, guidelines, customs and requirements will be covered.

More Information

Contact: Office of Divine Worship

Call: 920-272-8311 or email: mporadek@gbdioc.org

- **Choice Wine: Office of Marriage and Family, Diocese of Green Bay**



Integrating the latest findings from modern science with the timeless teaching of the faith and the wisdom of the saints, *The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage*, by Paradisus Dei, places authentic marital happiness within every couple's reach. By opening to couples the interior life of the Holy Family at Nazareth, *The Choice Wine* helps couples to experience a foretaste of Paradise, in their marriage and family.

More Information

Contact: Office of Marriage, Family Life, and Pro-Life

Call: 920-272-8315 or email: etremblaygbdioc.org

- **Alpha: Department of New Evangelization, Diocese of Green Bay**



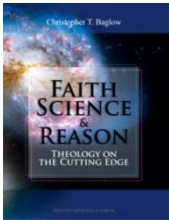
Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. Alpha group leaders have been selected and are being trained to host groups across

the Diocese.

More Information

Contact: Your local parish

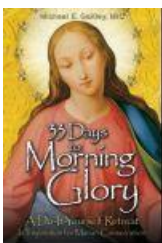
- *Integrating Science and Christianity* (Dr. Warren Johnson)



Dr. Warren Johnson teaches this course about the fullness of both science and Christianity. The pursuit of truth will bring together both the objective truths of nature discovered by science and the spiritual truths taught by Jesus. Topics include: problems with making science a religion, limits of science, physics, cosmology, evolution, human origin, purpose, beauty, and errors arguing for a conflict between science and Christianity. The instructor, Warren Johnson, has a PhD in Biochemistry and many years experience teaching university science courses. He has been generously offering this course, on-site, to parishes and schools in the Diocese. Text required: *Faith, Science and Reason: Theology on the Cutting Edge* by Christopher T. Baglow. Contact: education@gbdioc.org for more information.

- **The following retreats/book studies, if conducted within a parish/group setting:**

- *33 Days To Morning Glory* (by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley)



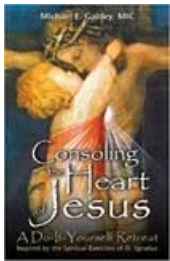
An extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed Pope John Paul II. Fr. Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp, and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thoughts into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So, if you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, *33 Days to Morning Glory* is the right book to read and the perfect retreat to make.

- *33 Days to Merciful Love* (by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley)



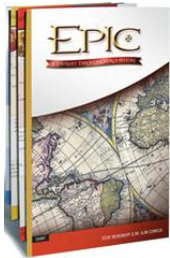
St. Therese was declared a Doctor of the Church by St. John Paul II, because she had developed a specific spirituality that is recognized as something new and important for the Church. This book hones in on that spirituality, and how it connects with Divine Mercy. Therese made a consecration to Divine Mercy which she calls her Offering to Merciful Love, which is really the culmination of her

whole spiritual teaching on her Little Way. Fr. Gaitley thinks this is the most powerful form of consecration to Divine Mercy, and understandably so, since it made her such a great saint in such a short time (24 yrs.)



○ *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* (by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley)

This retreat combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Saints Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has a remarkable gift for inspiring little souls to trust in Jesus, and his Divine Mercy. As Danielle Bean, editor of Faith & Family magazine, puts it, "The voice of Christ in these pages is one that even this hopelessly distracted wife and mother of eight could hear and respond to."



○ *Epic: A Journey through Church History* (DVD series by Ascension Press)

20 sessions in which Steve Weidenkopf presents the major people, places, and events that make up the history of the Catholic Church from the Acts of the Apostles to recent times. See how Catholics have been an important part of History since the time of Christ.