



## **Catholicism 101** – a searcher’s introduction to Catholic teaching

Duration: 32 sessions

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Participants: Anyone who is curious about catholic belief, no strings attached. (That means you don’t have to be Christian to sign up!)

Contribution: \$200.00. Please make cheque payable to ‘Singapore Pastoral Institute’.

Course outline:

### Module 1 – SCRIPTURE

1. Why is scripture important to Catholics?
2. How do Catholics read and interpret the Bible?
3. Why are the Hebrew scriptures still in use?
4. What are the Gospels?
5. What’s the big deal about Paul’s letters?
6. Other questions about Catholics and the Bible

### Module 2 – JESUS CHRIST

1. Why is Jesus important?
2. How did the Bible portray Jesus?
3. What did the early Church believe about Jesus?
4. How did the belief in Jesus evolve over time?
5. What’s the relevance of Christ for Catholics today?
6. Other questions about Catholic belief in Jesus Christ

Ministry Retreat\*

- Integrating Christ & Scripture in our Faith.

### Module 3 – THE CHURCH

1. Why is the Church described as Mystery?
2. Who belongs to the Church and what does “Catholic” mean?
3. How does the hierarchy work?

4. What are the roles of priests, religious and lay people?
5. What's the relationship between the Church and the World?
6. Other questions about the Catholic Church

#### Module 4 – LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

1. How do Catholics worship?
2. What are sacraments and how do they work?
3. How does one become a fully initiated Catholic?
4. What happens in ordination and in marriage?
5. How do Catholics restore their relationship with God?
6. Other questions about Catholic prayer and spirituality

#### Module 5 – MORALITY

1. What is the 'Golden Rule' and where does it come from?
2. Where does evil come from and what about sin?
3. How do Catholics live in justice and freedom?
4. What do Catholics believe about personal morality?
5. What do Catholics believe about social justice?
6. What are the 10 principles of Catholic social teaching?

#### Ministry Retreat\*

- Integrating our Faith into the life of the Church

*\*Ministry Retreats are optional opportunities for Christian participants to deepen in course content through prayer and reflection.*