

FOUNDATIONS IN MINISTRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME 2008

Aim:

To provide opportunities for all those in ministry or preparing for ministry to integrate faith, life and ministry and be competent and compassionate in their service.

Objectives:

Participants will be offered introductory session on a broad sweep of the Catholic faith.
Empowering the laity to learn and understand the roots of their ministry within the context of their faith.

Programme Outline

- Module 1 **CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP** (4 sessions 8 hrs)
The Call to Ministry – The Role of the Laity today – Theology of Ministry.
Prayer and Christian Ministry – An experiential component with various prayer forms
Christian Leadership – The concept of Servant leadership for ministry.

Pastoral Challenges (1 session 2 hrs)
- Module 2 **BIBLE 1 – OLD TESTAMENT & BIBLE 2 – NEW TESTAMENT** (9 sessions 18 hrs)
Introduction to the Old Testament – An introduction to the Old Testament and the Bible as Holy Scripture.
Old Testament Theology – A study of the theology of the Old Testament, with special attention to issues such as God Creator, the covenant, righteousness, suffering and justice.
Introduction to the New Testament – An introduction to the New Testament.
Synoptic Gospels – An introduction to the Synoptic Gospels with concentration on exegetical method in narrative material.
Gospel of John and 1 John – An introduction to John's Gospel and a key to approaching the language in this Gospel.

Half-Day of Reflection & Integration (1 session 6 hrs)
- Module 3 **CHRISTOLOGY** (5 sessions 10 hrs)
Christology - An introduction to the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- Module 4 **SACRAMENTS & THE CHURCH** (4 sessions 8 hrs)
Overview of the Sacraments and the Church.
- Module 5 **MORALITY & ETHICS** (4 sessions 8 hrs)
Ethics and Society – An introduction to basic concepts concerning moral Christian living. Freedom, conscience, good and evil.
The Church and Economic Life – Christian responsibility in relation to contemporary institutions and issues.
Marriage and Family Life – An introduction to the Church's teaching on Marriage.

Pastoral Challenges (1 session 2 hrs)

Half-Day of Reflection & Integration (1 session 6 hrs)
- Module 6 **CHURCH HISTORY** (4 sessions 8 hrs)
Christianity in the first 500 years – A study of the early Church and in particular the Council of Ephesus and the impact of the Roman Empire at that time.
The Reformation – The beginning of Lutheranism, Calvinism, Anglicanism.
Christianity in Asia – Overview of the diversity and dynamism of Asian Christianity. The colonial phase, the role of missionaries and interactions with other world religions. History of the church in Singapore.

DIPLOMA IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2006/2007

Who is the course for?

DAFF is for Catholics working or about to work in some branch of catechesis, religious education or ministry in parishes and archdiocesan organizations. They should be proficient in English, have the ability to write and communicate well, and must be able to invest time and effort in the course, including active participation in the sessions, reading, reflection and completing assignments.

Aim:

To provide a desired level of faith formation for lay leaders who will become multipliers.
To affirm and equip our lay people for effective ministry.

Why is DAFF different?

The Diploma in Adult Faith Formation is designed to give an over-view of our faith, to see how our faith is integrated in itself and centred on the Plan of God (Ephesians 1:9). It is interdisciplinary in its approach rather than presenting information on one area only. Educationally it is modeled on a spiral learning approach, that is, we greet the same subject in different ways and from different perspectives as we journey through the course. The facilitators help participants make links between the various aspects of our faith, whether experiential, doctrinal or cultural.

Programme Outline

Module 1	INTRODUCTION – OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING (6 sessions 12 hrs)
Module 2	CHRISTOLOGY - WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? (7 sessions 14 hrs) <i>Prayer Reflection</i> (1 session 6 hrs)
Module 3	SALVATION HISTORY – OUR COVENANT WITH GOD (8 sessions 16 hrs) <i>Integrating Seminar</i> (1 session)
Module 4	CHRIST, CREATION & CHURCH (8 sessions 16 hrs)
Module 5	CHRIST & THE SACRAMENTS (8 sessions 16 hrs)
Module 6	CHRIST & THE MORAL LIFE (7 sessions 14 hrs) <i>Half-day Prayer Reflection</i> (1 session 6 hrs)
Module 7	FAITH DEVELOPMENT (7 sessions 14 hrs)
Module 8	LEADERSHIP FOR MINISTRY (4 sessions 8 hrs) <i>Half-day Prayer Reflection</i> (1 session 6 hrs)

DIPLOMA IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION DEEPENING 2008

(This course is for all those who have graduated from the 2 year Diploma in Adult Faith Formation)

Aim:

To deepen certain aspects of Scripture & Liturgy, the relationship with God and provide for a more matured and competent laity.

Programme Outline

- Module 1 **CHURCH HISTORY – REFORMATION & CHURCH IN ASIA**
(8 sessions 16 hrs)
- Module 2 **SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER**
(4 sessions 8 hrs)
- Half-day Reflection***
(1 session 6 hrs)
- LITURGY & EUCHARIST**
(4 sessions 8 hrs)
- Module 3 **SCRIPTURE – THE GOSPEL OF LUKE & THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**
(8 sessions 16 hrs)
- Module 4 **ECUMENISM & INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**
(8 sessions 16 hrs)
- Half-day of Reflection***
(1 session 6 hrs)