

CCRS SPECIALIST MODULES

LITURGY MODULE

Aim

The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an overview of liturgical principles and to be able to relate their learning to their specific parish situations.

Learning Outcomes

Participants should:-

- be familiar with a basic understanding of liturgical principles which underlie the Eucharist and other celebrations
- be able to assess what is the appropriate use of liturgical music, art and space
- be familiar with the use of Scripture in the Eucharist and other celebrations
- be able to relate what they have learned to their back-home settings

Learning Process

This will include:-

- reflection on personal experience
- related input to deepen understanding
- the gathering of information through reading and listening
- group discussion and sharing

Syllabus Outline

- An introduction to liturgy, what it is and what it is not
- The use of Scripture
- The use of music
- The role of the presider and leader of worship
- The use of liturgical space and art

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE

Aim

The purpose of this module is to deepen participants' knowledge and understanding of the nature and purpose of Catholic schools. The module will provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on the theology and Church teaching which underpins Catholic schools and to explore practical ways in which Catholic schools exercise their ministry.

Learning Outcomes

Participants should:

- Understand the historical development of Catholic education in England and Wales
- Be able to identify the distinctive features, the aims and purposes of Catholic schools
- Understand the nature and purpose of Religious Education in a Catholic school
- Understand the requirements of Diocesan Canonical Inspection and the nature of school self-evaluation within this context
- Be able to communicate what they have learned

BEREAVEMENT MODULE

Introduction to Bereavement Ministry

The purpose of this module is to familiarise participants with the bereavement process and to equip them to work in Bereavement Ministry in the Catholic Parish.

Participants should:

- Understand the religious context of life and death within the Catholic Church.
- Become familiar with the grieving process. (stages of grief & loss)
- Reflect on their own personal feelings about death.
- Develop skills to listen, befriend and facilitate groups.
- Recognise boundaries, endings and the need to refer on for professional help.
- Appreciate the needs of the bereaved and link with other groups within the Catholic Parish.
- Recognise the need for ongoing formation and training in this ministry.

The course will include:

- The meaning and significance of death and resurrection within the Catholic Church.

- The relationship of the bereavement ministry with the clergy, pastoral team and other groups within the Catholic Parish.
- Study of the process of grief and the factors affecting grief.
- Basic principles of communicating with and supporting bereaved people.
- Reflection on scripture and Church documents along with other selected texts which focus on various aspects of bereavement.

The purpose of this short course is to train participants to enable them to work in Bereavement Ministry in their own parishes.

This training will equip the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to help bereaved individuals in a sensitive and appropriate manner in accordance with Gospel values.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING MODULE

CST is about how we live in the world, and how we relate to each other, as individuals and as communities and nations.

Aim

The purpose of this module is to introduce participants to some of the basic themes of the Catholic Social Teaching and how these relate to their own settings.

Learning Outcomes

Participants should:-

- be able to understand the relationship between the Church and the modern world
- be familiar with basic Church teaching on - the world of work, the development of peoples, evangelisation in the modern world
- be able to relate what they have learned to their back-home setting

Learning Process

This will include:-

- reflection on personal experience
- related input to deepen understanding
- the gathering of information through reading and listening
- group discussion and sharing

Syllabus Outline

- An introduction to recent Church documents on social issues
- How the Church understands the relationship between world and worldwide Church
- What the Church says about the development of peoples
- The importance of appropriate evangelisation in the context of the modern world
- What the Church says about the world of work