

Living Catholic: Foundations for the New Evangelization Frequently Asked Questions

What is Living Catholic? Living Catholic is a four to six week catechetical and formation experience for parish leaders, staff, volunteers and all Catholics that draws participants closer to Jesus Christ, teaches the basic truths of the faith and helps prepare participants to share their faith with others. It is adult catechesis for the new evangelization delivered in a simple and accessible format. The course is taught by Father Mitch Pacwa of EWTN.

What are the objectives of Living Catholic?

- Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the basic truths of the faith and how these truths impact daily life.
- The experience will help deepen the participant's personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of parish life
- Parish fellowship and sense of community will be enhanced as participants share faith and learning with others in the program.
- Participants will gain confidence and skills as credible witnesses to talk practically about the faith with others and invite them into the life of Christ and his Church.
- Participants will begin to see the value of being life-long learners of the faith and will experience excellent online learning.

Who is it for?

- Parish and school leaders, staff and school teachers
- Parish volunteers – catechists, committee members, greeters, ushers, choir members, etc.,
- Parish pastoral and finance councils, and school advisory boards
- Members of parish organizations, such as prayer groups, Sodality, movements, etc.
- All adult Catholics

What content is covered? The basic Gospel message, a bible timeline, the creed, sacraments, morality, prayer, writing a testimony, inviting someone to Church and sharing the faith.

What is the format? The provided resources are easily adapted to any particular parish setting. One recommended format is the parish/online option which includes an opening and closing session at the parish with four weeks of excellent online learning through a new web-based catechetical course on the archdiocesan website; during each week participants will work with another parish participant or in a small group on specific activities to deepen and share faith in light of the new evangelization. All materials are provided; a parish simply needs a presenter and facilitator for the opening and closing sessions. Various other options are available, including a traditional at parish version with weekly evening catechetical session (not online).

When can we do this? Parishes are encouraged to schedule the program anytime during the year of faith, ideally this fall, but can begin as early as October 2012 (the online portion of Living Catholic will go live on October 1, 2012). Parishes can schedule the program for the fall now and adapt to their specific needs and calendars.

Is Living Catholic available in Spanish? Yes.

How much will it cost? Participation in the online portion of the program is \$9.95 per person, which can be paid by the parish or the individual; however the office of adult faith formation of the Department of Education is sponsoring 100 adults to go through the class at no cost.

How do I get the resources to see more of Living Catholic? A full packet is available, to receive the free packet contact formsubmission@mycatholicfaithdelivered.com or call Julianne in the Department of Education at (920) 272 8270 or email jstanz@qbdioec.org