



2015-2016

Recruiting those interested in missionary discipleship:

Foundations is the diocesan program of basic training in perfective catechesis and theology for paid and volunteer parish staff who are involved in lay ministry. Potential participants include: volunteer catechists, youth ministers, catechetical leaders of parishes and AFCs, school teachers, principals, Christian community leaders, heads of the domestic churches (moms, dads, guardians), and any personnel (front desk greeters, secretaries, and so on) interested in being a part of the new evangelization. The group meets one Saturday a month for 8 months. The curriculum was developed in cooperation with the Bishop of New Ulm's Office of the New Evangelization and the Office of Adult Faith Formation. **Even better, Bishop LeVoir teaches one of the Saturday sessions.**

Overview:

Foundations is a stand-alone year of training, but can also serve as the first of a two year program of training in missionary discipleship. The second year of training (which is open to all first year participants) is called *Together in Mission*. There is no obligation to attend the second year, although most of last year's participants freely and happily signed up for the second year. Both years focus on training participants in the call to holiness and ongoing faith formation. Just as importantly, they seek to train participants to read Scripture in the living tradition of the Church, in order to understand better the dogmatic and pastoral constitutions of Vatican II, and have the evangelical savvy to recapitulate these teachings with the theology of the body. Courses are taught at the cognitive level of undergraduate sophomores and juniors. Presenter-student dialogue is a fundamental component of each gathering. Courses presume the four formative pillars of the USCCB's *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*. The principles of Pope Francis' *Evangelii gaudium* are the standard ethos for training in missionary discipleship.

Schedule of Topics and Presenters in 2015-2016:

1. Saturday, September 19, 2015: Introduction to Catholic Philosophy (Dr. Kevin Rickert) (cf. *Fides et ratio*, USCCB Catechism, chapter 1)

A study of the relationship between faith and reason and how acceptance of revelation works in accord with reason and natural inclinations. Saint John Paul II's encyclical *Fides et Ratio* will be the point of reference.

2. Saturday, October 17, 2015: Salvation History I (Mr. Dan Wambeke, M.T.S.) (cf. *Dei Verbum*, USCCB Catechism, chapter 2)

Having laid foundations in faith and reason, the divine revelation will be studied in terms of how the transcendent works with human nature to bring it to an understanding of the mystery of God in stages for the permanent covenant God intended (cf. Ex 19:5-6 & Eph 1). The emphasis is upon the divine pedagogy as found in CCC #51-53.

3. Saturday, November 7, 2015: Salvation History II (Mr. Dan Wambeke, M.T.S.) (cf. *Verbum Domini*, USCCB Catechism, chapters 3-4)

Having laid a general overview of God's plan and salvation history, this day will trace in greater detail the main figures in Salvation History, more detail on the Davidic Kingdom, and the Major Prophets (especially Isaiah's portrayal of the Suffering Servant 42), leading to the fullness of revelation in Christ (cf. Heb 1: 1-3; Mk 1).

4. Saturday, December 5, 2015: Introduction to Catholic Theology (Sr. Myriam Rose, ACJ) (cf. USCCB Catechism, chapters 5-10 and CCC)

This day covers natural theology and God's attributes, theodicy, and doctrines on the most Holy Trinity which shed light on God's freedom and human freedom made in the image of the Triune God. It sheds light on doctrines surrounding Original Sin, the mission of Christ as Redeemer, and the mission of the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier.

5. Saturday, January 23, 2016: Theology of Sacraments (Mr. Bryan Reising, MA) (cf. *Sacrosanctum concilium*, USCCB Catechism, chapters 14-21)

This day covers how Christ arranged for humans to share in his redemption and partake in divine life. It covers the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church as mysteries of initiation, healing, and communion/mission.

6. Saturday, February 27, 2016: Theology of the Catholic Church (Bishop John M. LeVoir) (cf. LG and USCCB Catechism, chapters 10-13)

This day is an overview of the Mystical Body of Christ in accord with the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium* and the institution of the Church to continue the forgiveness of sins. Mindful of the goals of the Fourth Plan for Parishes, it will cover how both the hierarchy and laity share in Christ's three-fold mission as priest, prophet, and king as well as the Blessed Virgin Mary's heavenly role as Mother of the Church.

7. Saturday, March 19, 2016: Morality and Social Teaching (Sr. Candace Fier) (cf. *Gaudium et spes*, USCCB Catechism, chapters 23-34, and *Familiaris consortio*)

While covering the basics of how humans are developed through the exercise of freedom, this day will overview the role of the Christian family in the modern world: forming a communion of persons (freedom and its purposes/image to likeness); at the service of life (covering basic human goods and Commandments); participating in the development of society; sharing in the life and mission of the Church.

8. Saturday, April 16, 2016: Lay Ministry and Spirituality (Mr. Bryan Reising, MA) (cf. *Co-Workers*, *Redemptoris missio*, *Evangelii gaudium*, USCCB Catechism, chapters 35-36)

Covering mission and the four pillars of formation as found in *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord* it will emphasize how those in lay ministry must strive for personal holiness and a deeper knowledge of the faith in order to be effective lay leaders. It will also cover National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers.



structure of Saturday Sessions

8:45	Gather/refreshments
9:00	Morning Prayer from Liturgy of Hours
9:30	period 1
10:45	break
11:00	period 2
12:15	lunch
1:00	period 3
2:15	break
2:30	period 4
3:45	Midday Prayer from Liturgy of Hours

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Location of 2015-2016 Classes

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A Discipleship Formation Program of the Diocese of New Ulm

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Name of Parish/City _____

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work or cell) _____

Email Address _____

Highest Level of School you have completed: _____

Are you willing to be a facilitator? _____ Yes _____ No

Summarize your history of religious education or study of the Catholic faith:

Discuss how this program may help you deepen your commitment to follow Jesus:

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Bill Parish
- Nonrefundable payment enclosed: \$110 for resources, site fees, staffing, food and other materials.
- Nonrefundable partial payment enclosed. Balance due at December session.

Return by August 1, 2015:

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Please call Paulette Kral at 507.233.5318 with any questions.