FORMATION FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF FAITH (FTF) ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

(as of July 6, 2023)

RATIONALE

As envisioned by Blessed Fr. Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, OCD, Mother of Life Center (MOL) participates in the evangelizing mission of the Philippine Church by forming lay men and women who are willing to become missionary disciples of Christ as Christian Life Education (CLE) teachers, religious educators, catechists, or evangelizers in different sectors of society, in the Philippines or in other Asian countries.

Originally this FTF Program was crafted to address the request from the Diocese of Novaliches for a quality formation of volunteer catechists. The online program of FTF makes it now available to people from all over the Philippines and from other countries. This online formation is given in English.

The FTF Program offers a holistic formation addressing all the dimensions of the Christian faith. It is a Certificate Program that does not require academic units. The different courses can be followed independently. Only those who have accomplished all the courses integrally and received the certificate for each course will receive the Certificate of the whole Program.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Certificate Program on the Formation for the Transmission of Faith aims to:

- enable the participants to acquire an in-depth basic knowledge of the Catholic Faith.
- awaken in the participants their thirst for God leading to an intimate relationship with Him in prayer and sacraments.
- help the participants to live out their Christian faith in daily life, and become responsible, free, and authentic witnesses of Christ serving the Church and society.
- equip the participants with a basic knowledge of the psychological and spiritual growth of the human person and with skills in pastoral counseling.
- develop in the participants the sense of Christian Leadership and the capacity to transmit the Good News competently and creatively to different audiences.
- > challenge the participants to remain an actor of their own formation after the accomplishment of the certificate program by
 - * keeping their initiative to a continuous intellectual, moral and spiritual formation.
 - committing themselves to frequent encounters with Christ in prayer and sacraments
 - staying faithful in their witness to the living God and loving service in daily life
 - facing contemporary issues with faith in the grace of the Holy Spirit and with trust in the maternal care of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Life.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The FTF Certificate Program offers during one year 11 basic courses of 24 h each. The online sessions will be conducted synchronously every Saturday for 3 hours per session, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. One course will run for 4 consecutive Saturdays except for one course which is proposed for 2 h every other week during 6 months (see here below).

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- For volunteer catechists and pastoral workers in different ministries of transmission of faith
- For people interested to deepen their faith in order to transmit it in their family or workplace
- For groups of Parish leaders, campus ministry workers

REQUIREMENTS

- Enough capacity to understand and express oneself effectively in English.
- Those who have finished two years of college education or Senior High School graduates.

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- A good internet connection and capacity to handle Zoom.
 - No entrance examination is required

ACADEMIC COURSES

A.Y. 2023-2024	Dates	Professor
A Journey through the Bible (1): Old Testament	Sept. 2 – 23, 2023	Dr. W. Linnig STD
A Journey through the Bible (2): New Testament	Oct. 7 – 28, 2023	Dr. W. Linnig STD
How to answer God's Revelation and grow in faith	Nov. 4 – 25, 2023	Br. David Capacio OCarm MA Theology
Catechesis and Religious Education in the Light of God's Pedagogy of Faith	February 3 – 24, 2024	Ms. F. Castro MA Rel. Ed.
What we believe: the Creed 1	March 2 – 23, 2024	Ms. Marina Tapang MA?
Walk in the Spirit (Morals)	April 6 – 27, 2024	Fr. W. Villamiel MA
Basics of Christian Spirituality	2h a week for 3 months 2h or every other week for 6 months to be determined with the participants) in groups of 8-10 participants.	Ms Frida Jorge Ms. Teresita Azurin MA
What we believe: the Creed 2	May 4 – 25, 2024	Ms. Marina Tapang MA?
Encounter God in Liturgy and Sacraments	June 1 – 22, 2024	Ms. Teresita Azurin MA
The art of Accompaniment and counseling	July 6 – 27, 2024	Ms. Grace Bagne MA
Servant Leadership	August 3 – 24, 2024	(to be confirmed)

PROGRAM DATES for 2023-2024

- Deadline for application is August 31, 2023.
- The courses start in September and finish in August; no courses in December and January.

PROGRAM COSTS

- PHP 1500/course (24 h)
- Payment can be done on an installment basis

PLEASE NOTE

- Schedules may be subject to change with prior notice.
- The minimum number of participants is 15. If a course has less than 15 participants the Mother of Life Center keeps the right to cancel the course.
- If you wish to come to the Center to follow the online course and experience community life with us, we are happy to welcome you. The Center can also offer you retreats and recollections in link the Notre Dame de Vie Retreat House. Please contact us for details.

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