

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

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A more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 158

Open wide the arms of Christ!

Dear Friend in Christ,

A number of years ago I was one of millions of “fallen away Catholics.” Unknown to me at that time was God’s plan to put my life to work for Him. Today, I have dedicated my life to making sure that others do not take lightly God’s gift of eternal life. I am convinced that in order to restore the Catholic Church to her former glory, we must begin by educating the faithful in the Church’s great inherited tradition and we must once again reach out an evangelical hand to those outside the Catholic Church, welcoming them to experience the fullness of the Kingdom of God on earth.

“Today it is up to you, brothers and sisters . . . to offer the Risen Christ to your fellow citizens.” (P. Benedict XVI)

While many Catholics today have a deep desire to grow in their faith and share the Faith with others, few are equipped with the educational tools to do so. Most Catholic parishes have instituted a catechetical program for children, yet few have heeded the Church’s call for continued adult faith formation and the need for evangelical outreach. In the *General Directory for Catechesis*, the Church has stated clearly, **“Catechesis for adults, since it deals with persons who are capable of an adherence that is fully responsible, must be considered the chief form of catechesis”** (GDC, 59).

Sadly, most Catholics today, if they have received any catechetical formation at all, must rely on an elementary-level training, usually received in preparation for first Holy Communion and Confirmation. With this level of education in the faith, how can Catholics be expected to express the faith to their fellow citizens in a cogent and convincing manner?

In an age when the basic teachings of the Catholic Faith have been neglected and the faithful are in great need of intellectual faith formation, the Institute of Catholic Culture stands as a sign of hope. Taking our Lord’s final command to the Apostles to “make disciples of all nations” as our own, the Institute of Catholic Culture was founded in answer to the Church’s call for a “New Evangelization.”

To this end, the Institute hosts educational seminars specifically designed to build bridges of understanding, teaching authentic Catholic history, philosophy and theology as a way of healing the wounds in the Body of Christ and reaching out to those who seek knowledge of the Truth.

“This saving truth, at the heart of the deposit of faith, must remain the foundation of all the Church’s endeavors, proposed to others always with respect but also without compromise.” (P. Benedict XVI)

This is a daunting task, but one that we must undertake!

In this brochure, you will learn about the ICC’s exciting mission, its traditional curriculum structured upon the classical liberal arts, and how you can help us renew adult faith formation in the Catholic Church. Please spend a few minutes reviewing this brochure, plan to join us at an upcoming event, and prayerfully consider your support for this vital cause.

Rev. Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo
Founding Executive Director, Institute of Catholic Culture

*For more information about the ICC,
please visit www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org or call (540) 635 - 7155*



“Destined to become the paradigm for Catholic adult education in the age of the New Evangelization . . .”

~ Timothy O’Donnell, S.T.D., KGCHS ~


(President, Christendom College)

The Institute of Catholic Culture’s curriculum is structured on the classical liberal arts and divided into four quarters corresponding to the Church’s liturgical cycle and the calendar year.

- The **first quarter**, beginning just before the Advent season and concluding with the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, focuses on the ancient and biblical world, the fundamentals of human nature, and Old Testament revelation, preparing attendees for the advent of the Christ and the beginning of the Christian era.
- The **second quarter** of the ICC curriculum, beginning with Christmas and concluding with Easter, focuses on the revelation of Jesus Christ, the history of the apostolic and patristic age, the fundamentals of Christian morality, the Church, and the Sacramental system.
- The **third quarter** of the ICC curriculum, beginning with the celebration of the Resurrection through the season of Pentecost, introduces attendees to the book of Acts and the Epistles, the Medieval and Renaissance world, the scholastic philosophical tradition, and the Church’s spiritual patrimony.
- The **fourth quarter**, offered during the summer and early fall months, offers an examination of the issues facing Christians in the modern world, including biblical apologetics, modern philosophical errors, and modern moral problems, equipping attendees with valuable tools necessary to offer a reasoned and convincing defense for the Faith they profess.

The Standard Curriculum Structure below is the basic framework of the ICC annual curriculum. Each year, the ICC applies this curriculum structure to specific timely topics, offering attendees a truly Catholic education.

~ ICC STANDARD CURRICULUM STRUCTURE ~

 STANDARD CURRICULUM	QUARTER I Fall / Winter	Quarter II Winter / Spring	Quarter III Spring / Summer	Quarter IV Summer / Fall
HISTORY	The Ancient & Biblical World	The Early Church	The Medieval & Renaissance World	The Church in the Modern World
PHILOSOPHY	Pre-Christian Philosophy & Human Nature	Early Christian Philosophy & Ethics	Medieval & Scholastics / Metaphysics & Epistemology	Modern Philosophical Issues / Errors
THEOLOGY	Jewish & Pagan Thought	Patristics & Early Councils / Issues	Medieval & Scholastic Theology	Modern Theological Issues
SACRED SCRIPTURE	Old Testament	Gospels	Acts & Epistles	Biblical Apologetics & Special Topics
LITURGICAL STUDIES	Jewish Liturgical Studies & Advent Festal Days	Early Christian Liturgical Studies & Festal Cycle of Christmas and Lent	Medieval & Renaissance Liturgical Studies; Festal Cycle of Easter & Pentecost	Modern Liturgical Issues
LITERATURE	Religious Literature of the Ancient World	Early Christian Writings	Catholic Medieval & Renaissance Classics	Modern Christian Literature
CATECHETICS	Introduction to the Catechism & the Creed	The Church & the Sacraments	Spirituality & Prayer	The Moral Life
CULTURAL PRACTICA & SPECIAL TOPICS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

“Very few have either the time or financial resources to study in the unfortunately small number of outstanding Catholic colleges and universities available today. The Institute of Catholic Culture is a model for Catholic education and formation that can work for everybody.”

~ Jeff Mirus ~

(Trinity Communications)

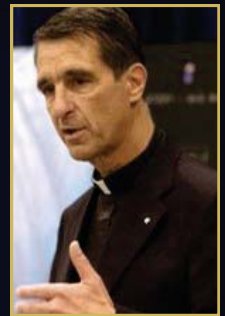
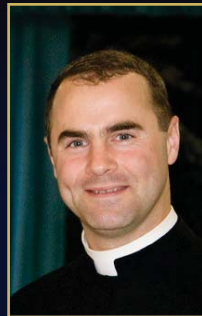
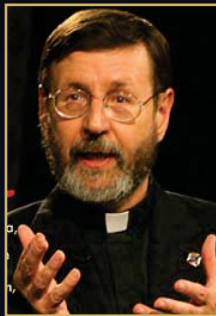
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~ SPEAKERS AT THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE ~



**Fr. Benedict Groeschel • Fr. Mitch Paewa • Fr. Joseph Fessio • Dr. Timothy O'Donnell
Fr. Paul Scalia • Dr. William Marshner • Fr. William Saunders • Dr. Mark Clark
Fr. Jerry Pokorsky • Dr. John Cuddeback • Dr. Paul Thigpen • Dr. Robert Moynihan
Dr. James Patrick • Fr. Eric Bergman • Robert Reilly • Dr. Brendan McGuire
Dr. Mark Wunsch • Chris Check • Dr. Denis McNamara, and many, many more!**

Much more than a series of speakers, the Institute offers an organic education in the Catholic Faith, introducing attendees to the glorious story of God's work among men. The ICC 2011 - 2012 Applied Curriculum (Next Page) is the list of specific programs that are offered for the current ICC academic year. Each of these programs, presented live at our weekly events and via our on-line classroom, are also posted on our website as audio files available on demand!

FREE ADMISSION! NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!

Many have asked why the Institute of Catholic Culture does not charge an admission fee for those attending our programs. Our response is always the same, "How can we charge for what Jesus Christ has given freely?" We must keep our doors open to all, especially to those who would not pay to hear the Gospel message. We must keep our programs open to those on the edge of the Body of Christ, to those who are not Catholic and to those who do not know of the love of God.

We must offer Jesus Christ to all who come seeking him!

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For more information about the Institute of Catholic Culture
or to listen to past educational programs offered by the Institute, please visit

www.InstituteOfCatholicCulture.org



*“The Institute of Catholic Culture is a burning fire of hope,
and a safe haven where the saving truths of the Catholic Faith are being taught with clarity!”*

~ Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR ~
(Founder, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal)

~ 2011 - 2012 APPLIED CURRICULUM ~

2011 - 2012 APPLIED CURRICULUM	QUARTER I Fall / Winter	QUARTER II Winter / Spring	QUARTER III Spring / Summer	QUARTER IV Summer / Fall
HISTORY	The Maccabean Revolt	The Martyrdom of Saint James & the Making of Catholic Spain	The True Story of The Inquisition	The Spanish Civil War & The Cristeros
PHILOSOPHY	Music & the Soul: Restoring or Destroying the Inner Man	Fundamentals of Catholic Moral Teaching	St. Thomas & the Nature of Knowledge	Pillar of Truth: The Church & the Modern Moral Crisis
THEOLOGY	The Proto-Evangelium: Understanding the Fall of Man	Saint Athanasius & the Council of Nicea	Iconoclasm: Idol Worship & the Catholic Tradition	Defending Priestly Celibacy & Understanding the Modern Vocations Crisis
SACRED SCRIPTURE	Visions of God: The Minor Prophets	The Real Presence of Christ: Saint John's Book of Signs	Partakers in the Divine Nature: The Epistles of Saint Peter	One Mediator between God & Man? A Catholic Understanding of Mary & the Saints
LITURGICAL STUDIES	Feasts of the Jews: A Study of the Jewish Festal Cycle	Keeping Vigil: Understanding our Lenten Journey	Dancing before the Lord: The Feast of the Visitation	Fasting & Feasting: Living the Christian Tradition
LITERATURE	<i>The Epic of Gilgamesh & Noah's Flood</i>	Saint Athanasius' <i>The Life of Saint Antony of the Desert</i>	<i>The Song of Roland</i>	G.K. Chesterton, <i>On Cheese</i>
CATECHETICS	Creation or Evolution: What does the Catholic Church Teach?	Outside the Church there is No Salvation: Understanding Catholic Ecclesiology	Praying Constantly: Bringing Your Faith to Life	C.S. Lewis' <i>The Problem of Pain</i>
CULTURAL PRACTICA & SPECIAL TOPICS	Not by Bread Alone: Learning to Cook with Sacred Scripture	Laetare Sunday Evensong & Mass (Anglican Use)	Church Tours of Old Maryland & Virginia	Foundations of Beauty: Understanding the Principles of Catholic Art, Architecture & Music

“As a seminarian studying in Rome, I have been delighted to discover the online audio repository of the talks sponsored by your institute. I find these resources which you provide to be both a convenient supplement to my own theological education and an encouraging sign of renewal in the Church.”

~ Frederick Gruber ~
(Seminarian)



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To accomplish our mission, we humbly turn to you. If you are able, we ask you to join us in this important cause for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. In order to continue to open wide the arms of Christ by educating Catholics and non-Catholics alike in the Truth of Jesus Christ, in authentic Catholic history, philosophy and theology, we need those, like yourself, who know the value of Catholic culture and are willing to dedicate themselves to its restoration.

Please consider joining our cause today!

Yes, I recognize the need for the restoration of traditional adult faith formation within the Catholic Church. Therefore, I want to help the Institute of Catholic Culture educate Catholics and non-Catholics alike in the saving truths of the Catholic Faith.

Please contact me to discuss how I may be able to assist with this important cause.

Please receive my tax-deductible donation in the amount of _____ for the support of the re-evangelization of our society through the work of the Institute.

As part of my monthly tithe, please receive this pledged donation in the amount of _____ \$50, _____ \$75, _____ \$100, Other _____ per month for one year.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

“Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall be put into your lap. For with the same measure that you shall give, it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)