

PURPOSE

The Church's pastoral ministry exists to sustain the work of the Gospel. The main purpose of the Catholic Formation Institute (CFI) is therefore to provide the laity, persons in ministry and Catechists with opportunities to enrich their knowledge and understanding of the Roman Catholic Faith, grow in spiritual life, and to develop skills necessary for effective participation in ministry, and living the faith daily.

In so doing the four pillars of formation will be integrated through the courses taught: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral.

WHAT IS FORMATION?

Formation promotes the development of the whole person. The three main goals of formation are to:

1. Invite and enable ongoing conversion to Jesus Christ
2. Promote and support active membership in the Christian community
3. Call and prepare Catholics to act as Disciples in mission to the world

Good formation is the right of every baptised Christian in order for us to be able to live our faith at home, in the church, in our communities and at work.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN CFI?

The CFI is open to any lay person who wants to deepen their faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”
James 4:8

UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS

March

- ‘Spare the rod and spoil the child?’**
Panel Discussion

April

- Year of Mercy: Pope Francis’ Bull of Indiction explained**
Fr. Michael Barrow SJ

May

- Mariology**
Fr. Robert Newbury

- Stewardship as a way of life**
Fr. Robert Newbury and Fr. Bill Jarema

June

- ‘Save the Planet’**
Panel Discussion

October

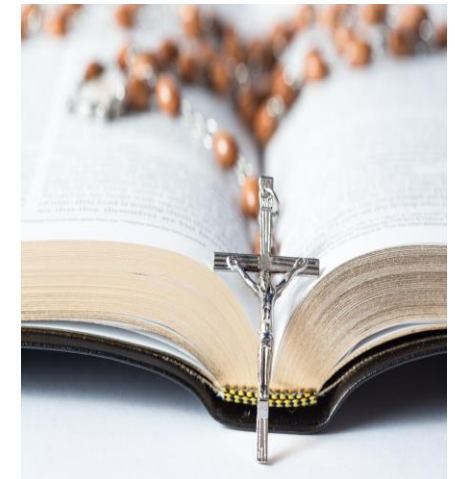
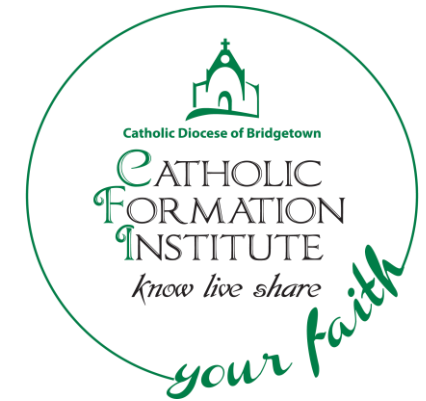
- Domestic Violence: Issues and Solutions**
Panel Discussion

November

- The Catholic Church’s contribution to Barbados’ 50 years of Independence – An Exhibition and reception**

*Let's Talk
about it*

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MISSION STATEMENT

To form Catholics in Barbados to know, live and share their faith.

COURSES OFFERED

- Catholic Social Teaching
- The Gospel of John
- Liturgical Ministry
- Stewardship
- Media and Religious Imagination

Check www.catholicbb.org for availability

ONLINE COURSES

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING

The **University of Dayton** is a top-tier national Catholic research university with a mission of service and leadership in community. You can benefit from their sessions anytime, anywhere through **The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation** (VLCFF).

The Diocese of Bridgetown is a partner of VLCFF and our members receive a discount on courses taken. The fee for members of partners is US\$50.00 per course.

It's easy as 1 - 2 - 3! Go to:

1. <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>
2. 'Become a new student'
3. 'Certified Programs'

You are now ready after you select and pay for your course!!

OVERVIEW

HOW ARE THE SESSIONS TAUGHT?

The CFI will be flexible in order to accommodate the needs and time constraints of participants. Several approaches will be used as required:

- Face-to-face classroom sessions
- Live streamed webinars
- Discussion sessions
- Lectures
- Online Courses via University of Dayton

WHERE ARE FACE-TO-FACE SESSIONS HELD?

Usually in the 'Upper Room', St. Patrick's Cathedral. We will advise if the location changes.

WHO THE TARGET AUDIENCE?

Everyone is welcome:

- Persons in leadership roles in the parishes
- Persons in Ministry
- Catechists
- Youth

Every year, Catechists and persons serving in Ministry or in a leadership role in the parishes are required to complete at least one formation session delivered by the CFI.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Opportunity to:

- Renew your faith
- Interact with CFI team and other participants in an informal setting
- Receive a Certificate of Attendance

Participants who conclude 8 five-week sessions will receive a certificate in Pastoral Ministry.



HOW TO REGISTER

Please complete the Application Form on the Diocese's website- www.catholicbb.org and send by email to formationinstitute@gmail.com.

IS THERE A FEE?

A small donation of \$20 is requested to defray expenses for materials and refreshments for 5 day courses.

The fee for the University of Dayton Online courses is US\$50.00 per course. Books may also have to be ordered for the course at an additional cost.

Persons who wish to register for a session but are experiencing extreme hardship in paying these fees, should call the Diocese office: 426 -3510

OUR TEAM

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'I invite all Christians everywhere, at this moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.'

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium,3