

# Adult Catechesis Programs – Fall 2015

I am interested in finding out more or registering for the following programs:

**Catholic Sunday School** - Study of Papal Encyclicals: “The Splendor of Truth” by Saint John Paul II.

Meets Sundays 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM beginning October 4.

**Laudato Si: Caring for our Common home** – Six part series

Tuesdays beginning October 6th, 3:15 PM or 7:00 PM

**Awakening Faith Program for Returning Catholics** – active Catholics welcoming returning Catholics

Wednesdays beginning October 7th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Youth House

**‘Relit’ Discipleship and Evangelization Training** – how to become confident in your Catholic faith and bear witness to others

Meets Sundays 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, St. Anthony Room, beginning October 18.

**World Meeting of Families Report** – straight from the meeting with Pope Francis in Philadelphia

Saturday October 24, 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Friends and Family Hall

**Countdown to Religious Literacy** – Through the Ten Commandments, Novenas, Eight Beatitudes, Seven Sacraments, Six Precepts of the Church, Five Central Ideas, Four Marks of the Church, The Trinity, The Two Great Commandments and the One God.

Sundays beginning October 25, 11:15 AM to 12:00 Noon, Upper School Classroom 4

**Enlightening Faith** – praying the lectionary

Meeting on Wednesdays after 12:15 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Room

**Iron Sharpens Iron** – Men’s Fellowship Group

Meeting on Wednesdays, 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM, Blessed Teresa Room

**Catholic Mothers Network** – Bible Study

Friday mornings, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, St. Anthony Room

**Catholic Women’s Book Club**

Meets first Monday of each month, Blessed Teresa Room

**Adult Confirmation Program** (celebration of Confirmation on May 15)

Meets on Wednesdays, 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM beginning February 3, 2016

**Young Adult Ministry**

Contact Laura Reyes for information, lmreyes726@gmail.com

**Parish Library**

Become a member or a volunteer

For more information see: <http://stmchapelhill.org/adult-education>

Name

Phone

Email

Please write in any other topics or courses of study you would like to be offered.

Please write in if you are willing to teach, present or facilitate any of the listed programs, or other initiatives.

# Adult Faith Formation at St. Thomas More

“Catechesis for adults, since it deals with persons who are capable of an adherence which is fully responsible, must be considered the chief form of catechesis. All other forms, which are indeed always necessary, are in some way oriented to it.”

*General Directory for Catechesis n.59*

In the past year the Faith Formation Task Force appointed by Fr. Scott has recommended that the parish expand opportunities for lifelong faith formation, evangelization and spiritual growth in our community, including the following objectives:

1. Expand adult and family faith formation programs by offering retreats, small group ministries, spiritual direction and other opportunities.
2. Create accessible opportunities for faith formation, liturgical and spiritual growth for all members of our Community. (Considerations may include location, transportation, affordability, time frame, language and childcare.)
3. Support and promote marriage and family life enrichment opportunities.
4. Enable parishioners to strengthen their faith and renew their baptismal call in order that we may reach out to those have never heard the Good News of the Gospel.

With these objectives in mind, the parish now offers the programs listed overleaf, to begin to form parishioners in their mission as Catholic disciples and witnesses to their faith.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops writes,

*“Adult faith formation, by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study, must be “the central task in the catechetical enterprise,” becoming “the axis around which revolves the catechesis of childhood and adolescence as well as that of old age.” (Our Hearts Are Burning Within Us, n.5)*

With this in mind, you are invited to grow in faithfulness to the Lord Jesus and his Church, which has the mandate to continue his mission of proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God.

For further information contact Jim Hynes, [jhynes@stmchapelhill.org](mailto:jhynes@stmchapelhill.org), 919-942-6237, and see:

<http://stmchapelhill.org/adult-education>

“It is not only legitimate, but necessary, to acknowledge that a fully Christian community can exist only when a systematic catechesis of all its members takes place and when an effective and well-developed catechesis of adults is regarded as the central task in the catechetical enterprise.”

*Adult Catechesis in the Christian Community, n.25*