ADULT FAITH FORMATION (ADV CERT)

The Advanced Certificate in Adult Faith Formation offers teachers, parish religious educators, and part-time or volunteer parish ministers an opportunity to further prepare themselves for parish service and/or religious education.

The competencies outlined by the United States Bishops (USCCB) in their document Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord are included in the courses offered in the Faith Formation certificate program.

Admissions
All who have a BA/BS degree may apply.

Requirements
This certificate is offered as both an online or on-campus program.

Course Title Credits
RLGR 6032 CHURCH AND SOCIETY (Ecclesiology) 3
RLGR 6011 NEW TESTAMENT (Scripture) 3
Four courses from any of the following areas: 12
Liturgy
Sacraments
Spirituality
Religious Education
Total Credits 18

Sample Courses
SPGR 7760. CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY&LEADER.. (3 Credits)
This course examines the intersection between classic texts in Christian spirituality and contemporary texts on leadership studies. The oldest corporations in the West are the monasteries and the Catholic Church. Many spiritual treatises are aimed at helping people understand how to lead communities in an effective manner through word and example. Contemporary writers about leadership, such as Jim Collins, stress spiritual qualities such as humility and hope as important for leading companies into greatness. Whereas the spiritual writings have little quantitative evidence associated with them, the leadership studies provide such analysis; however, books on leadership studies tend to lack any depth behind such concepts as humility or even good advice as to how to achieve it, which texts from the history of Christian spirituality provide. By bringing these horizons together, the course will help students to understand the practical value of Christian spirituality in business, administration, and politics.

RLGR 6030. CHRISTOLOGY. (3 Credits)
This is an introductory Christology course principally from a Roman Catholic perspective. Biblical, historical, and contemporary Christology will be examined.

RLGR 6032. CHURCH AND SOCIETY. (3 Credits)
Explores various ways of envisioning how faith communities can structure their internal lives and their relationship to the world. Includes a historical survey of understandings of church and society from biblical times to the present, with specific emphasis placed on using the resources of Scripture and Christian Traditions to help faith communities discern what God is enabling and requiring of them in the world today.

REGR 6120. EDUCATION PEACE/JUSTICE. (3 Credits)
Focuses on developing a greater understanding of the social ministry of the Christian churches. After a historical survey of Christian attitudes toward peace and justice, participants will explore ways of bringing a concern for peace and justice issues into liturgy, preaching, religious education and pastoral ministry. The course also examines how to relate Christian understandings of peace and justice to everyday work, and civic, political and family life.