

## CERTIFICATE IN PARISH LIFE

*There are many ways in  
which we serve the  
Community of the Church.*

*Catechist, teacher, reader,  
minister, committee, Parish  
council; all of which involve  
understanding the heart of  
the Church, and the Word of  
God that we live.*

*This certificate is aimed at  
us all, so that we have a  
core understanding to bring  
to our service in the Church.*

*The Diocese in partnership  
with The Catholic Institute  
is offering this certificate in  
Parish Life*



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This is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather and to learn the core aspects of our faith.

When we teach as catechists of Pre-Baptism, of Confirmation, RCIA or adult interest groups; when we are members of the liturgy or music team preparing a celebration and when we are part of the Parish Council or Finance group making fundamental decisions on the direction of the Parish or school; all need us to understand : What does the Gospel call us to be and do? What is the Church's self understanding? What are the core principles of Liturgy and Catholic Social Teaching?

This certificate is designed for all of us to gather, and to have a common understanding.

I encourage all to take part and grow in an understanding of our faith.

+Charles

## WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The certificate consists of four (4) TCI courses. These are either delivered over three days, or by distance ( with readings and 3 x two hour tutorials / discussions; and an assignment that could be formative for a specific work to be done in your parish / school community. (We hope to build a resource base for the Diocese by sharing these assignments).

There are **three FOUNDATIONAL** papers:

- ◇ Introduction to Catholicism TH 101
- ◇ Introduction to New Testament SC 102
- ◇ Introduction to Liturgy PM 102

Then a number of other courses can be chosen for the fourth paper: (including)

- ◇ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- ◇ Introduction to Morality

We are intending to offer either one or two papers in Hawkes Bay and Taranaki; Palmerston North and Whanganui each year.

These papers, with the satisfactory completion of the assignment can also be cross credited to the certificates and diplomas of the Catholic Institute.

This can provide a really great starting point for an adult formation group, and will cater for adults of all levels of understanding and background.

## WHO IS HOPED WILL USE THE CERTIFICATE IN PARISH LIFE

All adult members of the parish community are welcome to be part of the courses that are offered, but especially those who serve as:

- ◇ Teachers and DRS's
- ◇ Catechists for :
  - \* RCIA
  - \* Pre-baptism Formation
  - \* First Communion and Reconciliation
  - \* Pre marriage Formation
- ◇ Liturgy Committee and Musicians
- ◇ Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- ◇ Parish Council members
- ◇ Youth Ministry leaders
- ◇ Finance Committee members
- ◇ Proprietors representatives
- ◇ Board of Trustees members

All people of Good Will who want to understand more of our faith.

  
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