



ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON  
*Office of Evangelization and Catechesis*

# FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



**Fall 2022 – June 2023**

**[www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm](http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm)**

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) provides theological courses required for the Archdiocesan Catechist Certificate. FTCM is also a pre-requisite for the Catechetical Leadership and Youth Ministry Leadership trainings.

## REGISTRATION

Each course is purchased through [Capernaum](#), the Archdiocese's Learning Management System.

### To register for a class:

- make sure you have a [Capernaum](#) account.
- click on the course name in the schedule (on back page) or visit [www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm](http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm).
- purchase a course **AND** then select your desired class dates.

**For step by step information on how to navigate class selections within Capernaum,** visit [www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/registrationguide](http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/registrationguide).

If you do not already have an account in Capernaum, visit [mycapernaum.org](http://mycapernaum.org) and follow the prompts to create one.

For more information on Capernaum, visit [www.archgh.org/Capernaum](http://www.archgh.org/Capernaum).

## COST

**The cost of each course is \$25 within the Archdiocese, \$37.50 for those from outside the Archdiocese.**

Financial assistance is granted on a case-by-case basis as determined by need. Contact the OEC for an application.

## LOCATIONS

**Some classes will be virtual, and others will be in-person.**

All classes are taught live by a qualified instructor.

Carefully note the location when registering.

# FAQs

## **How much preparation time is required?**

The majority of preparation time consists of assigned reading. Participants should expect to spend 3 - 4 hours reading in preparation for every 2 hours spent in class. Many also find it helpful to review the questions contained in the handout packet before beginning the reading.

Participants are required to prepare material prior to class. During class, participants are expected to engage with the material and one another under the direction of the instructor.

The reading list and study questions for each course can be found at [www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Reading](http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Reading).

## **How many classes can be taken at once?**

With approximately 3 hours of preparation for each 2-hour class, participants are cautioned against taking two courses in the same week. If taking two courses in the same week is necessary, plan to complete at least some of the preparation before classes start.

**It is NOT advisable to attempt three courses in the same week.**

## **Is there a required order to the courses?**

Though courses may be purchased in any order, participants are urged to consider the following:

The completion of the Introduction to Scripture is strongly recommended before taking either Old or New Testament

It is recommended that one complete Church History 1 before attempting Church History 2

# FALL 2022 – JUNE 2023 FTCM SCHEDULE

Each course consists of five 2-hour sessions. Each course is being offered 2 or 3 times.  
Days of Reflection are 6 hours, held on a Saturdays and is being offered once.

<p><b><u>Introduction to Scripture</u></b> Basic concepts regarding reading Scripture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Tuesdays 4 – 6 pm</b> Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In person:</b> <b>St. Theresa-Houston</b> <b>Mondays 7 – 9 pm</b> Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 9 – 11 am</b> Week of June 5-9</p>
<p><b><u>Old Testament</u></b> Learn to navigate and interpret the Old Testament</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In person: St. Theresa-Houston</b> <b>Mondays 7 – 9 pm</b> Mar. 6, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 17</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 9 – 11 am</b> Week of June 12-16</p>
<p><b><u>New Testament</u></b> A survey of the books of the New Testament</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In person: St. Theresa-Houston</b> <b>Mondays 7 – 9 pm</b> Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 9 – 11 am</b> Week of June 19-23</p>
<p><b><u>Biblical Spirituality</u></b> Allowing Scripture to saturate our experience of prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In person: St. Theresa-Houston</b> Sat., April 29, 2023 9 am – 3 pm</p>		
<p><b><u>Catholic Beliefs</u></b> Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Thursdays 7 – 9 pm</b> Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 12 – 2 pm</b> Week of June 5-9</p>
<p><b><u>Christology</u></b> An introduction to the nature and person of Jesus Christ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Thursdays 7 – 9 pm</b> Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 12 – 2 pm</b> Week of June 12-16</p>
<p><b><u>Sacraments</u></b> An introduction to Liturgical and Sacramental theology</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Thursdays 7 – 9 pm</b> Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 15</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 12 – 2 pm</b> Week of June 19-23</p>
<p><b><u>Ecclesial Spirituality</u></b> Our membership in the Church shapes our experience of prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> Sat., Dec. 3, 2022 8:30 am – 2:30 pm</p>		
<p><b><u>Morality</u></b> Basic moral principles and their application</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Wednesdays 4 – 6 pm</b> Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> Sat., Jan. 21 &amp; 28 8:30-1:00 Sat., Feb. 4 8:30-10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm</b> Week of June 5-9</p>
<p><b><u>Church History – I</u></b> Resurrection to the Reformation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Tuesdays 4 – 6 pm</b> Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm</b> Week of June 12-16</p>
<p><b><u>Church History – II</u></b> Reformation to Today</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Wednesdays 4 – 6 pm</b> Mar. 22, 29, Apr. 12, 19, 26</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> <b>Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm</b> Week of June 19-23</p>
<p><b><u>Missionary Spirituality</u></b> Connecting vocation to mission to the experience of prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual</b> Sat., Oct. 29, 2022 8:30 am – 2:30 pm</p>		