

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA INSTITUTE

DEVELOPED

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INSTITUTE OBJECTIVES

The objective of the St. Junipero Serra Institute (SJSI) is to prepare the laity to be effective witnesses of the Gospel within their parish communities. Through the application of a faithful and effective evangelization and catechetical process rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ the laity will have the opportunity to grow in their faith while at the same time discover new and practical ways of communicating their faith. St. John Paul II reminds of the important mission of placing emphasis on building an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through sound catechetical instruction. (CT, 5, 20)

One of the main tenets of the institute is to assist the laity in developing and forming a mature faith one that is rooted in sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture and affirmed through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Through the various catechetical courses offered by the Institute the lay faithful will have the opportunity to develop a mature faith in Christ and His Church. In concert with the tenets of the Deposit of Faith we look towards the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the seminal tool in assisting the faithful to grow in their daily understanding and application of the Catholic faith.

In keeping with the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Mt 28:17-20) the (SJSI) will offer a two method approach of teaching the fundamentals of sound evangelization practices in relation to the courses taught and providing the catechetical methodology to complete this task.

INSTITUTE REQUIREMENTS

Participants are required to:

- Participate and complete all required courses (5) per level to complete each Level 1, 2, or 3 of the Institutes Core Curriculum.
- Write a 2-3-page catechetical reflection on the course taken.
- Complete a final exit requirement per course (as determined by the instructor).

FOUNDATIONAL RESOURCES

The Holy Bible Revised Standard Version 2nd ed.; Ignatius Press (2006) San Francisco

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2nd ed.; USCCB (2002) Washington D.C.

General Directory for Catechesis; Congregation for the Clergy; Libreria Vaticana Editrice (1997)

Evangelization in the Modern World: Pope Paul VI

COURSE CREDIT HOURS

There is a total of *five courses* required to complete **Level I (Foundations)**; *five courses* to complete **Level 2 (Intermediate)** and *five courses* to complete **Level 3 (Advanced)**. The breakdown of credit hours is as follows:

1. Each course equals (3) credit hours.
2. (15) Courses x (3) credit hours for a total of **45 Credit hours**
3. Completion of a 2-3 pg. catechetical reflection; **20 Credit Hours**
4. Course exit requirement: **20 Credit hours**
5. Total credit hours needed to complete the entire program: **85 Credit Hours**

FEES

The fee for each course is \$75.00. Note: The fee does not cover required books for each course.

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE

There is limited tuition assistance for participants. Tuition assistance will be based on the degree of financial need per person on a first come first serve basis.

PARISH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Parishioners should inquire with their Pastor or Director of Religious Education about tuition assistance to participate in the program.

LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM

The average length of each course level 5-6 weeks (one session per week on average) during the fall, winter/spring and summer.

BREAK DOWN OF THE FORMATION OPTIONS:

GENERAL TRACK:

- 3 Levels (foundational, intermediate and Advance)
- 5 Courses per level
- 4 weeks per course

MINISTERIAL TRACKS:

- 3 Levels (foundational, intermediate and Advance)
- 5 Courses per level with at least 1 ministerial track course per level
- 6 Core courses (Evangelization and Catechesis, Introduction to Apologetics, Vatican II, Biblical Foundation, Introduction to Christian Spirituality, Our Moral Life in Christ)
- 4 weeks per course

THE CURRICULUM

Below you will find a breakdown of the courses offer for the general studies.

GENERAL STUDIES TRACK:

Level One Courses: Foundational

- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Introduction to Apologetics
- Vatican II
- Biblical foundations
- Theology of the Body (Christian Anthropology)

Level Two Courses: Intermediate

- Introduction to Doctrine Part One
- Introduction to Doctrine Part Two
- Introduction to Christian Spirituality
- The Seven Sacraments
- Introduction to the Gospels

Level Three Courses: Advanced

- Church History
- The Liturgy
- Our Moral Life in Christ
- Holy Matrimony and the Role of the Family
- Introduction to Mary

MINISTERIAL TRACK CONCENTRATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The premise of the ministerial tracks is to offer additional specific course content related to the curriculum offerings already in place through our three-year program. Thus, if someone were interested in the RCIA track they would participate in the regular program by taking specific courses throughout the three-levels of courses offered related to the ministry track chosen.

PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose and mission of these tracks is to offer the lay faithful the opportunity to learn a specific catechetical discipline and strengthen their abilities and desires to assist the Church in these catechetical areas of need.

TRACKS

The four ministerial tracks the (SJSI) will offer are as follows

- New Evangelization-Adult Faith Formation Track
- RCIA Track
- Youth ministry Track
- Marriage and Family Life

CURRICULUM FOR MINISTERIAL TRACK CONCENTRATIONS

Below you will find a breakdown of the courses offer for the ministerial concentrations for each level.

NEW EVANGELIZATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION TRACK:

Level One Courses: Foundational

- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Introduction to Apologetics
- Vatican II
- Biblical Foundations
- Introduction to the New Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation*

Level Two Courses: Intermediate

- Introduction to Doctrine Part One
- Introduction to Doctrine Part two

- Introduction to Christian spirituality
- The Seven Sacraments
- Ministerial Track Concentration II (TBD)*

Level Three Courses: Advanced

- Church History
- The Liturgy
- Our Moral Life in Christ
- Holy Matrimony and the Role of the family
- Ministerial Track Concentration III (TBD)*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS TRACK:

Level One Courses: Foundational

- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Introduction to Apologetics
- Vatican II
- Biblical Foundations
- Introduction to Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*

Level Two Courses: Intermediate

- Introduction to Doctrine Part One
- Introduction to Doctrine Part two
- Introduction to Christian spirituality
- The Seven Sacraments
- Ministerial Track Concentration II (TBD)*

Level Three Courses: Advanced

- Church History
- The Liturgy
- Our Moral Life in Christ
- Holy Matrimony and the Role of the family
- Ministerial Track Concentration III (TBD)*

YOUTH MINISTRY TRACK:

Level One Courses: Foundational

- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Introduction to Apologetics
- Vatican II
- Biblical Foundations
- Introduction to Youth Ministry*

Level Two Courses: Intermediate

- Introduction to Doctrine Part One
- Introduction to Doctrine Part Two
- Introduction to Christian Spirituality
- The Seven Sacraments
- Introduction to Discipleship

Level Three Courses: Advanced

- Church History
- Catechesis in Discipleship
- Our Moral Life in Christ
- Discipleship Groups: Practical Application
- Introduction to Mary

CURRICULUM FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TRACK

Level One Courses: Foundational

- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Introduction Apologetics
- Vatican II
- Biblical Foundations
- Theology of the Body (Christian Anthropology)

Level Two Courses: Intermediate

- Sacrament of Matrimony
- Practical tools for marriage and Family Life Ministry*
- Introduction to Christian Spirituality
- Marriage and Family Documents*
- Introduction to the Gospels

Level Three Courses: Advanced

- Canon Law and Marriage*
- The Liturgy
- Moral life in Christ
- Catholic Perspective on Difficult Situation*
- Introduction to Mary

Marriage and Family Track Specific Course

1. Theology of the Body (Christian Anthropology)
2. The Sacrament of Matrimony
3. Practical tools for Marriage and Family Life Ministry
4. Marriage and Family Documents
5. Catholic Perspective on Difficult Situations
6. Canon Law and Marriage