Online Catholic Schools (CS) Track

This series of workshops is aimed at assisting elementary, middle, and high school teachers, administrators, and pastoral staff in their knowledge of and ability to pass on the Catholic faith to students and their families. This track serves real-world needs of teachers in a three-fold manner by: 1) Addressing practical, pastoral, and methodological issues stemming from modern family and culture contexts; 2) Assessing ways to handle common doubts and questions of young people; and 3) Exploring how a classroom experience can be not only mind-growing, but truly soul-forming, at the heart of the mission of the Church. Workshops will introduce the concept of incarnational dynamism in classroom teaching. This consists in drawing students to the Person of Christ, who is the content of all catechesis, through the use of contemporary and ancient sacred art, music, literature, film, and age-appropriate activities. The aim in this track is to form teachers to effectively witness to the Catholic faith in a manner that will authentically engage students and foster genuine evangelization.

Forming those who form others.
Catholic Schools (CS) Track

**Catholic School Teachers**
10 hrs + 2 electives

**MISSION**
1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**DOCTRINE**
4. Objective Truth
5. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
6. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
7. What is the Liturgy?

**METHODS**
8. Teaching to Form vs. Inform
9. The Deposit of Faith Across the Curriculum
10. Preventive System of St. John Bosco

**Catholic School Religion Teachers**
6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives

**MISSION**
1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**DOCTRINE**
4. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below
5. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below
6. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below
7. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below

**METHODS**
8. Evangelizing Classroom
9. Pedagogy & Response of Faith
10. Liturgy & Methodology

**Catholic School Leadership & Pastoral Staff**
6 hrs + 4 doctrine electives + 2 other electives

**MISSION**
1. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
2. The Human Person: God’s Masterpiece
3. The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan

**DOCTRINE**
4. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below
5. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below
6. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below
7. Choose from Doctrine Electives Below

**METHODS FOR LEADERSHIP**
8. The Educational Leader in a Catholic Setting
9. The Deposit of Faith Across the Curriculum
10. Adult Faith & Moral Development

**METHODS FOR PASTORAL STAFF**
8. Family Systems in a Catholic School
9. Facilitating Conversion in a Catholic School
10. Child Faith & Moral Development I or Child Faith & Moral Development II or Teen Faith & Moral Development

**ELECTIVES: ADULT CATECHESIS**
1. The Existence of God
2. The Problem of Evil
3. The Trinity
4. The Father: Origin & Desire of All Souls
5. Christ: His Person & Works
6. The Holy Spirit
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries & Guardian of the Deposit of Faith
8. Revelation: Scripture & Tradition
9. Salvation
10. The Sacramental Economy
11. The Four Last Things
12. Sin & Virtue
13. Catholic Social Teaching
14. Apostolicity & Authority in the Church
15. Freedom, Grace, & Related Moral Issues

**ELECTIVES: DOCTRINE LEVEL II**
- The Sacrament of Baptism
- The Sacrament of Confirmation
- The Sacrament of Eucharist
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- The Sacrament of Matrimony
- Special Topics in Discussing Matrimony
- The Sacrament of Holy Orders
- Saints
- The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Christological Heresies
- Ten Commandments & Beatiudes
- Catechesis on Creation
- Faith & Reason
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament

**ELECTIVES: METHODS FOR TEACHERS**
1. The Role of Prayer
2. Praying With Scripture
3. Teaching With the Saints

**ELECTIVES: METHODS FOR RELIGION TEACHERS**
1. The Vocation of the Catechist
2. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
3. Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
4. Ecclesial Method I & II
5. Scripture, the Heart of Catechesis
6. Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism
7. Incorporating Beauty in Catechesis
8. Analyzing Doctrine With Doctrinal Keys
9. Catechesis for Persons With Physical or Mental Disabilities
10. Digital Catechesis: Using Tech Tools to Teach External Truths
11. Engaging Youth Culture
12. Incarnational Ministry
13. Use of a Textbook
14. Applying the Catechism in the Classroom
15. Planning Liturgical & Prayer Experiences for Children
16. Mentoring From Saints for Youth
17. Managing the Classroom like St. John Bosco
18. Grading & Assessment
19. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
20. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis & Liturgy
21. Introducing the Liturgy to Children
22. Introducing the Scriptures to Children
23. Introducing Reconciliation to Children
24. Introducing the Eucharist to Children
25. Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
26. Crucial Questions in a High School Classroom
27. Getting the Big Picture on the USCCB Framework

**ELECTIVES: FOR LEADERSHIP**
1. Observing/Evaluating Teachers
2. Parents as Primary Educators
3. Disciplining Adults
4. Vocational Spirituality
5. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
6. Catechetical Mentorship
7. Mentoring Among School Teachers
8. Evangelizing Classroom
9. Pedagogy & Response of Faith
10. Liturgy & Methodology

**ELECTIVES: FOR PASTORAL STAFF**
1. Working With Pastors & Principals
2. Spiritual Accountability
3. Empathetic Listening
4. Asking Good Questions

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR TEACHERS**
1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
2. Theology of the Family
3. Faith & Moral Development
4. Science & Faith Overview
5. Evolution & the Catholic Church
6. Math/Logic & the Catholic Faith
7. Historical/Social Studies & the Catholic Faith
8. Literature Studies & the Catholic Faith
9. Foreign Language Studies & the Catholic Faith
10. Fine Arts & the Catholic Faith
11. Performing Arts & the Catholic Faith
12. Praying With Scripture

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR RELIGION TEACHERS**
1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
2. Theology of the Family
3. Child Faith & Moral Development I & II
4. Teen Faith & Moral Development

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR LEADERSHIP**
1. Catholic Education in the 21st Century
2. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
3. Ecumenism in the Catholic School
4. Praying With Scripture

**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR PASTORAL STAFF**
1. Conversion: How Faith Grows or Withers
2. Depression & Suicide
3. Addiction & Alcoholism
4. Crisis & Conflict
5. Suffering & Death
6. Counseling & Pastoral Care With Teens
7. Praying With Scripture

Participants should first choose from the options for their category before going on to select from other categories. Individuals taking this track are required to select a designated number of electives from the lists below but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost.