Ministry of Parenting (MP) Track

The Catechetical Institute views parenting as the critical catechetical role in the Church. Our desire is to help families in our challenging modern culture see God’s plan for the domestic church and the school of holiness it creates as the decisive element in bringing about a culture of life. The workshops in this track are not intended to result in any certification but instead aim at a far more fundamental end: forming adults who know how to live a missionary life in marriage and judge nothing in life as great as the work of parenting toward sainthood and striving for spousal sanctity. To foster this, a great variety of pragmatic and imaginative workshops are offered by the Catechetical Institute as electives in every track and collected together in this track.

Forming those who form others.
Parents or others taking this track are encouraged to focus initially on the core workshops listed above but may take as many workshops as they wish at no additional cost from the lists below as well.

All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

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**ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS**

1. Adult Faith & Moral Development
2. Discipling Adults
3. The Most Important Life: Gospel Patterns of Jesus’ Life
4. Mentoring From Saints for Men
5. Mentoring From Saints for Women
6. Mentoring From Saints for Youth
7. Empathic Listening
8. Asking Good Questions
9. Key Virtues: Hospitality & Kindness
10. Key Virtues: Non-Judgmentalism & Mercy
11. Key Virtues: Gentleness & Patience
12. A Vision for Life: Catholic Teaching
13. The Reality of a Culture of Death
14. Depression & Suicide
15. Addiction & Alcoholism
16. Crisis & Conflict
17. Suffering & Death

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**ELECTIVES: CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS**

1. Child Faith & Moral Development I
2. Child Faith & Moral Development II
3. Teen Faith & Moral Development
4. Selecting & Planning Liturgical & Prayer Experiences for Children
5. Shifting to Family-Centered Parishes
6. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
7. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
8. Engaging Youth Culture
9. Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry With Teens
10. Counseling & Pastoral Care of Teens
11. Understanding Catechesis With Teens
12. Theology of the Body: Teaching Catholic Sexuality to Teens
13. Introducing the Liturgy to Children
14. Introducing the Scriptures to Children
15. Introducing Reconciliation to Children
16. Introducing the Eucharist to Children

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**ELECTIVES: VOCATIONAL BALANCE**

1. Called to Work & Called to Love
2. Financial Fidelity & Sacrificial Living
3. A Vision for Life: Catholic Teaching
4. Relevant Social Movements
5. NFP Methodologies
6. The Catholic Faith & Family Size
7. Preaching Pro-Life I
8. Preaching Pro-Life II
9. Liberty & Conscience
10. Liberty & Education

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**ELECTIVES: FAMILY LIFE FOCUS**

1. St. John Paul II: Mulieris Dignitatem
2. The Universal Vocation to Mother
3. Feminine Spiritual Models
4. Counterfeit Forms of Femininity
5. St. John Paul II: Redemptoris Custos
6. The Universal Vocation to Father
7. Masculine Spiritual Models
8. Counterfeit Forms of Masculinity
9. Barriers to Evangelization Occurring for Parents & by Parents
10. A Family Vocation to Openness to Life
11. A Family Vocation to Simplicity
12. A Family Vocation to Confessional Life
13. A Family Vocation to Homeschooling
14. Some Means for Parishes to Foster Evangelizing Families
15. Training Parents to Form their Children in a Catholic Vision of Sexuality
16. Questions for Parishes in Discerning Evangelization Efforts for Families
17. The Sacramentality Principle
18. Spiritual Honesty & Spiritual Joy
19. Pilgrimage & Prayer in Family Life
20. Faith in Hispanic Families I
21. Faith in Hispanic Families II
22. Faith in African-American Families