

Christian Education Centre - Diocese of Southwark



The Christian Education Centre is the Diocesan Agency appointed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark for the promotion and provision of adult faith formation. We are a resource at the service of the people and clergy of our diocese. Together in mission we are inspired by the Gospel vision and the living tradition of the Church.

The CEC Team consists of the Director, two Adult Formation Advisers, one Coordinator for the Inclusion of People with Disabilities, one Bookshop Supervisor and four Administration support staff.

The work of the CEC consists of providing opportunities for people to explore a variety of aspects in their faith formation. This might include sessions with parish catechists, parish pastoral councils, parish liturgy teams and ministers, RCIA groups and those working with people with special needs. The CEC provides courses at parish, deanery and diocesan level. The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) course is very popular and is offered in three centres.

The most recent course was 'Preparing to Welcome the New Translation', held over three evenings entitled: Exploring the Context, Examining the Content and Experiencing the Celebration of the new texts. These sessions proved to be an excellent introduction to the coming changes and will now be offered in other areas of the Diocese. The CEC held these sessions in conjunction with the Diocesan Liturgy Commission.

The CEC has an excellent Bookshop on site which offers current resources for purchase or where resources can be ordered.

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The RCIA Network is made up of people who have leadership roles in the RCIA process in Dioceses and parishes, and exists to support them in their work and to promote an authentic understanding of the Church's teaching about the Rite.

Newsletter

The Newsletter is produced twice-yearly. Its purpose is to encourage more effective networking. We hope particularly that it will act as a bridge between the perceived 'experts' and catechists working within parishes. It will also enable the sharing of resources, ideas, etc.

Seeking the Living God

Resources for RCIA teams

*The rite of Christian initiation presented here is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely **seek the living God** and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully. [RCIA 1]*

Members of the RCIA Network have been working on a series of study materials for parish RCIA teams. The intention is to deepen a team's knowledge of the Rite and to develop good practice. The material uses a consistent process based on scripture and Church documents. It is hoped to provide a comprehensive resource that covers many aspects of the Rite and parish practice. Though each of the sessions can be used individually it would also be possible to create more sustained formation by exploring a number of sessions.

Seeking the Living God has been developed by practitioners but we would welcome feedback on how people have used them, what they found useful and if they have any suggestions for improvement.

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