

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE FOR TEACHERS



COURSE INFORMATION

Diocesan Education Centre, Mackworth

September 2016 - July 2017



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Welcome to the Bishop's Certificate for Teachers (BCT), a foundation course for teachers.

The purpose of the BCT is to provide primary school teachers in Catholic schools within our diocese the opportunity to explore and understand the core theological principles of the Catholic faith in order to assist with, and compliment the delivery of the 'Come and See' RE programme.

As well as providing an insight into aspects of the Catholic faith this foundation course aims to: increase the knowledge and understanding of the theological background to topics in the 'Come and See' RE programme; increase staff confidence with regards to the delivery of RE in the classroom; develop a creative approach to RE provision and provide an encouraging learning environment where questions can be asked and faith explored.

It is a six-day course divided into twelve sessions delivered over one academic year, culminating with the presentation of certificates by Bishop Patrick. Each of the sessions will be held at the Diocesan Education Centre, Mackworth (9:30am – 3:00pm). There will be a requirement for each participant to complete and submit one assignment for the course which will be linked to a practical element within school.

The course is a mixture of input with group work with the expectation that the participants will share their experience and to reflect on the subjects. Hand-outs will be provided for each subject and a further reading list will be made available. The requirement for completion of the Certificate is for each participant to attend all sessions and to submit the one assignment. This will be looked at by the tutors and comments given.

THE SESSIONS AND THE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Session 1: Introduction to the BCT

The participants will be able to:

- understand what the BCT is and how it works in relation to Come and See
- further explore the ethos of the Catholic School;

Session 2: Scripture – The Old Testament

The participants will be able to:

- understand the basic principles of the Old Testament
- explore key texts and stories based on the theme of the family
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 3: Scripture – The New Testament

The participants will be able to:

- understand the basic principles of the New Testament
- explore key texts and stories based on Advent/Christmas
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 4: Sacraments – Baptism & Confirmation

The participants will be able to:

- understand what a sacrament is
- explore Baptism and Confirmation
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 5: Sacraments – The Eucharist

The participants will be able to:

- understand some of the history and theology of the Mass
- explore the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion & Reconciliation
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 6: The Kingdom of God – Who is Jesus?

The participants will be able to:

- understand who Jesus is and his place in the Trinity
- explore the biblical evidence using Lent/Easter texts
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 7: The Kingdom of God – What is the Church?

The participants will be able to:

- understand what the Church is and the importance of the school/parish link
- explore the biblical evidence using Pentecost biblical text
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 8: Living the Faith – Christian Morality

The participants will be able to:

- understand the connection between what we believe and how we live
- explore Catholic social teaching and how this fits into school
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 9: Living the Faith – The Catholic Church and other religions

The participants will be able to:

- understand what the Universal Church is
- explore what Ecumenism is
- reflect on how to explore the teachings of other faiths in a Catholic school with particular reference to Judaism

Session 10: Prayer 1 – Liturgy and collective worship

The participants will be able to:

- understand principles of liturgy & collective worship and in a Catholic School
- explore the 'Let Us Pray' and other resources
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 11: Prayer 2 – Spirituality

The participants will be able to:

- understand the spirituality of children
- reflect on the different approaches to prayer and resources
- apply this to the delivery of the related 'Come and See' topics

Session 12: Concluding day

The participants will be invited to:

- evaluate the sessions, sharing their experiences and insights
- discuss any areas for further development and explore next steps

THE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Course Dates	Focus
29th September 2016	1. Introduction to the BCT. 2. Scripture: Old Testament. 3. Scripture: New Testament.
10th November 2016	4. Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation 5. Sacraments: Eucharist, First Communion, Reconciliation.
2nd February 2017	6. Kingdom of God: Who is Jesus? 7. Kingdom of God: What is the Church?
23rd March 2017	8. Living the faith: Christian morality. 9. Living the faith: ecumenism & other religions.
18th May 2017	10. Prayer: Liturgy & collective worship. 11. Prayer: Spirituality.
6th July 2017	12. Concluding session & certificates awarded.

**PRESENTATION OF
CERTIFICATES
BY BISHOP PATRICK ON
THURSDAY 6TH JULY 2017**

FORMAT FOR EACH DAY

Each of the six days shall follow a very similar format and structure.

The morning sessions shall comprise of an exploration of the key aspects of the Catholic faith.

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to explore in further depth related Scripture pertaining to the 'Come and See' programme.

The afternoon sessions shall comprise of opportunities to discuss and explore practical and creative approaches to teaching and learning within the 'Come and See' programme.

These sessions will be pitched to cater for teachers of all Year groups from EYFS to Year 6 with opportunities to engage with colleagues through discussions and practical activities.

Other areas which will be addressed shall include assessment, planning, differentiation and managing the delivery of the 'Come and See' programme within the related time constraints.

We also aim to listen to any individual queries or concerns and address these accordingly.