



## University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

- Do your kids have sports practice at the same time as that interesting class at Church?
- Does Atlanta traffic deter you from attending that great speaker series?
- Have you taken every adult faith formation class your parish offers?
- Would you like to learn more about the faith, when and where it's convenient for *your* schedule?
- Would you like to learn with Catholics from across the United States and even around the world?

If you said “yes” to any of these, then keep reading!

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is excited to announce its partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). The VLCFF is “an Internet based distance learning initiative which supports adult faith, lay ecclesial ministry and catechetical formation in the Church.”

With over 45 online courses available throughout the year, there's something for everyone. Better yet, there's no need to drive (you can work on the course from the comfort of your own living room) and no scheduled time for class (each class member completes the week's assignments when he/she is free to do so).

Best of all, by our partnering with the VLCFF, parishioners of the Archdiocese of Atlanta get classes for half price!

Courses are available 7 times per year. Check [vlc.udayton.edu](http://vlc.udayton.edu) for the next cycle of available courses.

## FAQs

### **What is the fee for VLCFF courses?**

Because the Archdiocese of Atlanta is a VLCFF Partner, the cost is \$40 per course. (The fee is \$80 for courses in non-partner dioceses.)

### **What kinds of courses are available?**

Over 45 courses and seminars are available. Some of these are: Scripture, Jesus, Prayer, Ecclesiology, Sacraments, Catholic Beliefs, Media Education, Catholic Social Teachings, and others are designed on a regular basis. Courses are regularly updated. Consult [vlc.udayton.edu](http://vlc.udayton.edu) for an up-to-date listing of courses.

**What is the online course format?**

Courses run for 3-6 weeks. Each course is capped at 15 participants. This is designed to be an experience within a small virtual community, not an independent study. Courses are password protected.

**What does one need to participate?**

You need to feel relatively comfortable with using a computer and the Internet.

**When are the courses offered?**

Courses are available 7 times a year. Check [vlc.udayton.edu](http://vlc.udayton.edu) for up-to-date information.

**Why would I be interested?**

Distance: It is too far to drive to take a particular course.

Interest: The courses currently offered in the geographic area are not of particular interest.

Time: Diocesan or parish formation courses are not offered at convenient times.

**Do the courses contribute to my diocesan catechist certification?**

Yes. VLCFF courses will generally be accepted toward certification; specific questions will be answered on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, the University of Dayton offers Continuing Education Units and a certificate, co-signed by a representative from our diocese, for each course successfully completed.

**How do I register and find more information?**

Visit the VLCFF website at [vlc.udayton.edu](http://vlc.udayton.edu) or call toll free: 1-888-300-8436.

**I speak Spanish. Are there courses for me?**

Si! There are currently 4 courses in Spanish, with plans in progress for expanding that number in the near future.