



## 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?**

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**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.

# The Archdiocese of Atlanta

is excited to announce its *partnership* with

## The University of Dayton

### Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Internet based distance learning initiative

Over forty-five online courses in seven cycles per year

*Courses count toward catechist certification hours*

Available courses and cycle dates are listed on the web at <http://vlc.udayton.edu>

For more information, contact Sori Govin (404-885-7235 or [sgovin@archatl.com](mailto:sgovin@archatl.com))

*Deepen your faith*

*from the comfort of your home and*

*within the freedom of your schedule*

*a great experience*

"This was my first time taking a University of Dayton class on-line. I enrolled in the Catholic Beliefs class, and I loved it! I learned so much more about our beliefs than I thought I would. I also got to meet so many new people all across the United States just on-line, and my teacher was very involved with her students always checking in to see if we were doing ok. It truly was a great experience, and I am definitely looking forward to taking more classes in the future."

—Megan Schau, St James the Apostle, McDonough, GA



*incredibly easy to use*

"The online format is incredibly easy to use and by the end, you really feel like you know your classmates and teacher even though you've never met them. I want to take future online Faith Formation classes because I learned much more than I expected on my own time schedule and the learning, very obviously, improved my prayer life and brought my faith to life."

—Kathy Powell, St. Jude, Atlanta, GA



# Upcoming VLCHF Cycles, Registration Dates, and Courses for 2008

## Cycle 5 Jul 13 – Aug 16 (registration 5/20/08–7/09/08)

Catholic Beliefs  
Catholic Social Teaching 2  
Church History 2  
Ecclesiology: The Beginnings of the Church  
Evangelization and Discipleship  
General Introduction to Syro-Malabar Qurbana  
History of Catholic Social Action  
Introduction to Catechesis  
Jesus  
National Directory for Catechesis  
Our Hearts Were Burning  
Overview of the GDC & NDC  
Sacraments  
Scripture: Introduction  
Scripture: New Testament  
Scripture: Old Testament

(All listings are subject to change)

## Cycle 6 Aug 31 – Oct 4 (registration 7/15/08–8/27/08)

Catholic Beliefs  
Church and Communication  
Church History 1  
Conscience  
Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan  
Digital Catechesis  
Ecclesiology: The Pilgrim Church  
Introduction to Catechesis  
Introduction to Prayer  
Islam  
National Directory for Catechesis  
On Bended Knee  
Overview of the GDC & NDC  
Parish and Social Action  
Pastoral and Evangelizing  
Communication  
Sacraments  
Scripture: Introduction  
Scripture: Old Testament  
Scripture: New Testament  
Survey of Catholic Doctrine

## Cycle 7 Oct 19 – Nov 22 (registration 9/2/08–10/15/08)

Catholic Beliefs  
Church History 2  
Ecclesiology: The Unfinished Church  
Ecumenism  
Introduction to Catechesis  
Introduction to Christian Morality  
Introduction to Liturgy  
Jesus  
Mary in Scripture and Tradition  
Media, Faith, and Values  
National Directory for Catechesis  
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