

Our Lady's Catechists

Diploma Course Synopsis – Part 1

We Believe in God.

1. **Natural Revelation. Divine Revelation.**
Genesis 1-3: Human Dignity.
2. **Fallen Man** - Sin – Suffering - Grace.
3. **God Calls** – Abraham.
Faith

Faith & Science
4. **God Rescues.** Moses – Burning Bush
Passover; Praise; Tradition.
5. **The Sinaiatic Covenant.** The Commandments.
Worship; Christ's New Covenant.
6. **Covenant** – King
David – symbol of Christ the King

Hope; Temple-the building and dedication.
7. **'The Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets**
The Major & Minor Prophets; Elijah;

The Suffering Servant passages

Wisdom Literature: Sirach 38. The Problem of Evil & Social Justice.

Combined with Test Paper 8

8. **Psalms. Exile. Immigration & Racism.**
Teaching notes for 14 -16 year-olds but range adaptable.

Images of Gods Character.

Diploma Course Synopsis – Part 2

The New Testament

9. How did the New Testament come into being?

The role of John the Baptist.

Teaching: The Family and notes on the catechist as a person.

10. ‘Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary’.

The role of the BVM in God’s plan of salvation

The role of the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation

Teaching notes: The Holy Family

11. The humanity of Christ

Jewish organizations

Teaching: theme Holy Week, with a lesson on Palm Sunday, for children aged about 11-13 years

12. The Divinity of Christ – pre-existence, Incarnation, Jesus is called God, he does the deeds of God, the Resurrection and Ascension.

Teaching notes – Glory – a key word in the Bible and in our prayers

13. Papers 13a, 13b, 13c and 14 will each deal with one Gospel

15. Acts of the Apostles, up to and including the Council of Jerusalem.

The Early Church

St Peter

The caring Church – Social Concern.

16. The Church is Missionary

Acts of the Apostles continued

St Paul and his letters

Education as part of the Church’s mission.

DIPLOMA COURSE SYNOPSIS – PART 3

The Church

17. World Religions

Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhs, Buddhism

18. The Church is One and it is Sacramental.

Baptism, Confirmation, RCIA

19. The Mass – A history of the Mass

What the Mass is, changes made by Vatican II and why

Suggestions for teaching the Mass to teenagers

A Passover Meal, adapted for classroom use

20. Marriage: marriage as seen in the Bible

Problems concerning marriage, Widowhood, The Single State

The Church's rules concerning sexual behaviour

21. Reconciliation: The Sacrament and its history

Sessions with parents; Lessons with children

The Penitential Rite

What happens when we fail to achieve reconciliation; Crime and punishment, War and Peace.

22. The Priesthood: as seen in the Bible

As seen in the Church, Deacons, Ecumenism

Tradition; The Magisterium & Papal Authority

23. 'We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.'

The Sacrament of the Sick: Healing in a wider context; Drugs & alcohol abuse.

The Four Last Things: The communion of Saints

24. Catechesis: How the Jews taught religion; Jesus, the unique teacher.

The general position today and your work as a catechist.