



ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON
Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



April 2025 – June 2026
www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm



Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) provides theological courses required for the Archdiocesan Catechist Certificate. FTCM is also a pre-requisite for the Catechetical Leadership and Youth Ministry Leadership trainings.

REGISTRATION

Each course is purchased through [Capernaum](#), the Archdiocese's Learning Management System.

To register for a class:

- make sure you have a [Capernaum](#) account.
- click on the course name in the schedule (on back page)
or visit www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm.
- purchase a course **AND** then select your desired class dates.

For step by step information on how to navigate class selections within Capernaum,

visit www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/registrationguide.

If you do not already have an account in Capernaum, visit mycapernaum.org and follow the prompts to create one.

For more information on Capernaum, visit www.archgh.org/Capernaum.

COST

Our costs are going up on July 1, 2025.

Prices are for purchases before July 1, 2025 and on/after July 1, 2025.

Within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston: \$30/\$35 per course,

Outside the Archdiocese: \$45/\$52.50 per course.

Financial assistance is granted on a case-by-case basis as determined by need.

Contact the OEC for an application.

LOCATIONS

Some classes will be virtual, and others will be in-person.

All classes are taught live by a qualified instructor.

Carefully note the location when registering.

FAQs

How much preparation time is required?

The majority of preparation time consists of assigned reading. Participants should expect to spend 3 - 4 hours reading in preparation for every 2 hours spent in class. Many also find it helpful to review the questions contained in the handout packet before beginning the reading.

Participants are required to prepare material prior to class. During class, participants are expected to engage with the material and one another under the direction of the instructor.

The reading list and study questions for each course can be found at www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/#Reading.

How many classes can be taken at once?

With approximately 3 hours of preparation for each 2-hour class, participants are cautioned against taking two courses in the same week. If taking two courses in the same week is necessary, plan to complete at least some of the preparation before classes start.

It is NOT advisable to attempt three courses in the same week.

Is there a required order to the courses?

Though courses may be purchased in any order, participants are urged to consider the following:

The completion of the Introduction to Scripture is strongly recommended before taking either Old or New Testament

It is recommended that one complete Church History 1 before attempting Church History 2

April 2025 – JUNE 2026 FTCM SCHEDULE

Each course consists of five 2-hour sessions. Each course is being offered 3 or 4 times.
Days of Reflection are 6 hours, held on a Saturdays and are being offered once or twice.

<u>Introduction to Scripture</u> Basic concepts regarding reading Scripture	Virtual Daily 9 – 11 am Week of June 2-6, 2025	Virtual Sat. , Oct. 4 & 11 8:30-1:00 Sat. , Oct. 18, 2025 8:30-10:30	Virtual Thursdays 7–9 pm Jan. 15, 22, 26, Feb. 5, 12, 2026	Virtual Daily 9 – 11 am Week of June 1-5, 2026
<u>Old Testament</u> Learn to navigate and interpret the Old Testament	Virtual Daily 9 – 11 am Week of June 9-13, 2025	Virtual Thursdays 7–9 pm Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 19, 26, 2026		Virtual Daily 9 – 11 am Week of June 8-12, 2026
<u>New Testament</u> A survey of the books of the New Testament	Virtual Daily 9 – 11 am Week of June 23-27, 2025	Virtual Thursdays 7–9 pm Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2026		Virtual Daily 9 – 11 am Week of June 22-26, 2026
<u>Biblical Spirituality</u> Allowing Scripture to saturate our experience of prayer	Virtual Sat., April 25, 2026 8:30 am – 2:30 pm			
<u>Catholic Beliefs</u> Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine	Virtual Daily 12 – 2 pm Week of June 2-6, 2025	Virtual Wednesdays 4 – 6 pm Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 2025		Virtual Daily 12 – 2 pm Week of June 1-5, 2026
<u>Christology</u> An introduction to the nature and person of Jesus Christ	Virtual Daily 12 – 2 pm Week of June 9-13, 2025	Virtual Wednesdays 4 – 6 pm Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2026		Virtual Daily 12 – 2 pm Week of June 8-12, 2026
<u>Sacraments</u> An introduction to Liturgical and Sacramental theology	Virtual Thursdays 7 – 9 pm Apr. 10, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2025	Virtual Daily 12 – 2 pm Week of June 23-27, 2025	Virtual Wednesdays 4-6 pm Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 2025	Virtual Daily 12 – 2 pm Week of June 22-26, 2026
<u>Ecclesial Spirituality</u> Our membership in the Church shapes our prayer	Virtual Sat., May 3, 2025 8:30 am – 2:30 pm		Virtual Sat., February 28, 2026 8:30 am – 2:30 pm	
<u>Morality</u> Basic moral principles and their application	Virtual Daily 2:30–4:30 pm Week of June 2-6, 2025	Virtual Thursdays 7–9 pm Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025	Virtual Sat. , Apr 11 & 18, 8:30-1:00 Sat. , Apr. 25, 2026 8:30-10:30	Virtual Daily 2:30–4:30 pm Week of June 1-5, 2026
<u>Church History – I</u> Resurrection to the Reformation	Virtual Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm Week of June 9-13, 2025	Virtual Thursdays 7–9 pm Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025		Virtual Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm Week of June 8-12, 2026
<u>Church History – II</u> Reformation to Today	Virtual Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm Week of June 23-27, 2025	Virtual Thursdays 7–9 pm Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 2025		Virtual Daily 2:30 – 4:30 pm Week of June 22-26, 2026
<u>Missionary Spirituality</u> Connecting vocation to mission to the experience of prayer	Virtual Sat., November 15, 2025 8:30 am – 2:30 pm			