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The End of the of Year is Almost Here!!!

Don't get me wrong—we love our students. We love teaching! But, there's something special about this time of year, when things are winding down and the count-down has begun. Summer vacation is almost here!

This is a great opportunity to obtain catechist formation. Be sure to cut the coupon on the last page to get a discount on courses from the Catholic Education Center, LLC, this summer!

It is also a wonderful time

to review your lesson plans (and make improvements), plan next year, and build your resources—everything from good books to read to classroom aides and displays.

Summer is a perfect time to make a retreat and re-energize yourself. Take time for God, family, friends and yourself (yes, a spa day might be in order).

As you wind down the year, be sure to give thanks for the students you've been blessed to teach, the God-

moments you've had this year, and the graces you received to be successful in ministry.

This e-newsletter will focus on the Summer and preparation for the Fall. Our next e-newsletter will be sent out in September.

I pray you have a blessed and safe Summer, and enjoy every second of it! I also hope you feel that excitement to come back in the Fall to continue God's work.

Suggested Websites:

Summer Resources

Our Online Bookstore through Amazon (where you can also purchase used books at a fraction of the price!)

http://astore.amazon.com/cathoeducacen-20?_encoding=UTF8&node=74

A link to purchase our Catholic Education Lesson Planner—get a head start this Summer! **ON SALE NOW!**

<http://www.lulu.com/product/paperback/catholic-education-a-lesson-planner/11915545>

Upcoming On Site Training Opportunities

CAT101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know will be offered on site at St. Mary of Sorrows on October 15 and 22, 2011 from 7:00-12:30.

CAT102: The Creed will be offered on site at St. Mary of Sorrows on March 3 and 10, 2012 from 7:00-12:30.

These on site courses will cover all the material in our online courses, and each

course counts as 10 hours towards catechist certification in the Diocese of Arlington.

St. Mary of Sorrows will host the entire CAT100 series (these five courses will fulfill the training requirements for BASIC Catechist Certification in the Diocese of Arlington).

For more information, please visit our website: www.catholiceducationcenter.com

The Catholic Education Center, LLC, is now booking catechist formation engagements for the Fall. Please contact Colette Lienhard to arrange for catechist training days, online courses to be offered on site, or any other training needs you might have.

Tel: 703-785-2319,
email:catholiceducationcenter@yahoo.com

New Catechist Formation Courses!

Beginning Fall 2011:

CAT210: Teaching Methods and Learning Styles

Instructor Susan Doyle, M.Ed., will highlight what is unique to Catholic Education; provide practical applications for effective classroom management, including teaching strategies, community-building ideas, suggested teaching resources, assessment tools; and answer common "trouble shooting" questions. This is an excellent refresher for School Teachers and a tremendous resource for Parish Volunteers..

Class 1: Catholic Education: What is the Difference?

Class 2: Routines: A Template for Engagement

Class 3: Learning Styles

Class 4: Affective Networks

Class 5: Teaching Strategies (Part 1)

Class 6: Teaching Strategies (Part 2)

Class 7: Building Community in the Classroom

Class 8: Using Resources, Human and Otherwise

Class 9: Assessment

Class 10: Trouble shooting

CAT220: An Introduction to the Bible

Instructor Salvatore J. Ciresi, M.A. will present an overview of the Scriptures - to equip teachers and catechists who utilize the Bible in the classroom.

Class 1: Becoming Familiar with the Bible: The Crucial First Steps

Class 2: Tools for Learning Scripture: A Review of the Study Resources

Class 3: Biblical Inspiration: The Foundational Doctrine

Class 4: Biblical Inerrancy: The Church's Reasonable Explanation

Class 5: The Canon of Scripture: The Collection of Divine Books

Class 6: Interpreting the Bible: Essential Catholic Guidelines

Class 7: The Bible in the Church: The Relation of Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium

Class 8: An Overview of Salvation History: God Speaks to Us

Class 9: Biblical Geography: A Look at the Holy Land

Class 10: God's Word and the Interior Life: Praying with the Scriptures

CAT230: The Church Instructor Kenneth D. Whitehead, Ph.D. and Author, will present an overview of the Church based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Class 1: The Nature of the Church

Class 2: The Constitution of the Church

Class 3: The Church is One

Class 4: The Church is Holy

Class 5: The Church is Catholic

Class 6: The Church is Apostolic

Class 7: The Hierarchy

Class 8: Members of the Church

Class 9: The Communion of Saints

Class 10: Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church

CAT240: Catholic Medical Ethics Instructor Patricia Maskell, M.A.

B.S.N., R.N., will present the Church's moral teaching on current pastoral and medical issues. This course is wonderful for any catechist who teaches adults, apologist, and every Catholic who wants to be informed or to be able to answer questions about these frequent media topics.

Class 1: Human Dignity and the Respect for Human Life: An Overview

Class 2: Ethical, Moral Clinical Research

Class 3: Respect for the Human Person: Genetics and Cloning

Class 4: Respect for the Unborn: Stem Cell Research

Class 5: Reproductive Technologies and Catholic Sexual Ethics

Class 6: The Moral Gravity of Abortion

Class 7: Health and Disease: The Integrity of the Human Person and the Possibilities of Organ or Tissue Donation

Class 8: Medical and Moral Care for the Dying

Class 9: Death and Dying: Deciding the Time

Class 10: Towards the Advancements of Health Care Reform

Meet our Instructors

The Catholic Education Center, LLC, is honored to welcome our new Instructors to our e-classrooms! "Our new instructors are so brilliant and talented, they will bring their expertise to the courses they offer", says Colette Lienhard, Director of the Catholic Education Center, LLC.

Until recently Colette Lienhard has been the instructor of the first ten classes offered online. "I'm really excited to expand our course offerings. These new courses are so interesting, and the instructors are truly gifted."

Colette Ellis Lienhard, M.A.

Colette Lienhard is a convert to Catholicism. She earned an Honors Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Western Ontario in 1997, and a Masters in Theology (Catechetics) from the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College in 1999. Through the same institution, she also received the Advanced Apostolic Catechetical Diploma awarded by the Holy See, the highest recognized diploma in the field of Catechetics. Colette is the author of the revised edition of the [*Faith and Life* series, published by Ignatius Press](#), having edited the student texts, authored the student activity books and teacher's manuals for grades 1-8, and contributed greatly to their online classroom resources. Since 1999 Colette has worked in Catholic Education as a Director of Religious Education, as an Assistant Principal in a Catholic elementary school, as an adjunct professor in Catechetics at the [Christendom Graduate School](#), and she is frequently a lecturer in catechist formation for parishes in the Diocese of Arlington. In 2007 she became the full time Director of the Catholic Education Center, LLC, and is a contributing instructor for the online courses. Colette resides in Virginia with her husband and children.



Catholic Education Center Courses: CAT101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know, CAT102: The Creed, CAT103: The Sacraments, CAT104: The Moral Life, CAT105: The Life of Prayer, CAT201: The General Directory for Catechesis, CAT202: The Teaching Church (Part 1), CAT203: The Teaching Church (Part 2), CAT204: The Teaching Church (Part 3), CAT205: Tools for Teachers



Susan Doyle, M.Ed.

Susan Doyle is the director of religious education at Blessed Sacrament Church in Alexandria, Virginia, where she also teaches middle school math in the parish school. A native of northern Virginia, she earned her bachelor's degree in English at the College of William and Mary and her masters in special education at the University of Virginia. Before working for the Church, Susan taught in public schools. For her work with special needs students, she was awarded "Excellence in Education" by the Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria and received additional recognition three times from the school system for which she worked.

Catholic Education Courses: CAT201: Teaching Methods and Learning Styles

Salvatore J. Ciresi, M.A.

Mr. Salvatore J. Ciresi is the founder and director of the St. Jerome Biblical Guild, and publishes *Veritas Scripturae: The Bulletin of the St. Jerome Biblical Guild*.

Mr. Ciresi served two tours in the U.S. Marine Corps, and is now employed in the aviation sector. He earned his M.A. in Theological Studies, with a Scripture concentration, from the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College, where he serves as an adjunct professor.

His other ecclesiastical activities include past co-host of 'Cross Talk,' a Catholic radio program in Virginia; a contributor on behalf of the Arlington Diocese to the 2005 revision of the *National Catechetical Directory* (now called the *National Directory for Catechesis*); a former board member for a private Catholic school; a past columnist for the *Arlington Catholic Herald*; and a contributor to *The Latin Mass: The Journal of Catholic Culture and Tradition*.

Mr. Ciresi resides with his wife and children in Virginia.

Catholic Education Center Course: CAT210: An Introduction to the Bible.



Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D Candidate

Sebastian Carnazzo received his MA in Theology with a concentration in Sacred Scripture from the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College, and is now at the final stages of completion of a PhD in Biblical Studies at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

He is a full time lecturer in Sacred Scripture and Biblical Languages at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary of the Fraternity of St. Peter, and an adjunct lecturer in Sacred Scripture and Catechetics for Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.

He is also the academic director of the program for the formation of deacons in the Diocese of Tulsa, OK, and lecturer in New Testament for the St. Gregory Seminary program for the formation of deacons in the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, MA.



Catholic Education Courses: CAT221: Old Testament, CAT222: New Testament (Both coming Spring 2012!)

Dr. Kenneth D. Whitehead



Kenneth D. Whitehead is a retired U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. Earlier he was a career diplomat who served in Rome and the Middle East and as the Chief of the Arabic Service of the Voice of America. Later for eight years he was executive vice president of Catholics United for the Faith. He now works as a writer, editor, and translator in Falls Church, Virginia. He is the author of dozens of articles on political, moral, social, and theological issues; and of a number of books, including, especially, *One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: The Early Church Was the Catholic Church* (Ignatius Press, 2000). His latest books include: *The New Ecumenism: How the Catholic Church after Vatican II Took Over the Leadership of the World Ecumenical Movement* (Alba House/St. Paul's, 2009); *Mass Misunderstandings: The Mixed Legacy of the Vatican II Liturgical Reforms* (St. Augustine's Press, 2009); and *The Renewed Church: The Second Vatican Council's Enduring Teaching about the Church* (Sapientia Press, 2009).

A revised, updated edition of the book he co-authored with James Likoudis in 1981, *The Pope, the Council, and the Mass*, was published by Emmaus Road Publishing in 2006. He is also the co-author of *Flawed Expectations: The Reception of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Ignatius Press, 1996), co-authored with the late Msgr. Michael J. Wrenn. He is the translator of more than twenty books from French, German, or Italian, and has recently translated Roman Curia Archbishop Agostino Marchetto's *Il Concilio Ecumenico Vaticano II*, which is published by the University of Scranton Press. He is also the editor of a number of volumes, including, most recently, *After 40 Years: Vatican Council II's Diverse Legacy* (St. Augustine's Press, 2007); and *The Idea of the Catholic University* (Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, 2009).

Mr. Whitehead is listed in the current *Who's Who in America*. He serves or has served on a number of Boards of Directors, including the Boards of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, and *The Review of Metaphysics*. He has also been a member of the Board of Editors of *The Political Science Reviewer*, and currently he serves on the Advisory Council of the new University of Sacramento. He is the 1998 recipient of the Cardinal Wright Award of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars; the 2004 recipient of the Frederick Ozanam Award of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists; the 2006 Humanitarian Award of the American Maritain Association; and, with his wife, the 1993 Faith and Family Award from Women for Faith and Family.

Educated at the University of Utah and the University of Paris, Mr. Whitehead holds an honorary doctorate in Christian letters from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. He is married to the former Margaret O'Donohue.

Catholic Education Center, LLC Courses: CAT230: The Church

Patricia Maskell, M.A., B.S.N., R.N.

An accomplished professional with diverse specialized experiences, Patricia began her career in health care as a BSN, RN working in the Trauma setting. She assisted with the alleviation of suffering while helping her patients and their families work through the many ethical and moral questions in health care. Following her graduation from E.P.S. (Education for Parish Services), Patricia began her work at Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College, where she completed her M.A. with a concentration in Moral Theology. From her lifetime experiences grew her mission of making medical and moral theology accessible to people of all ages in all walks of life. Through her mission



she works to make obvious the truth in health care ethics and the way to make good decisions with a well-formed conscience. Patricia helps people of all ages see the beauty and sanctity of our God-given human life from the moment of conception through natural death. Her research interests include Mariology, human suffering and patient advocacy.

Catholic Education Center, LLC, course offerings: CAT240: Catholic Medical Ethics

Register for:

CAT101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know,
CAT102: The Creed, CAT103: The Sacraments, CAT104: The Moral Life and
CAT105: The Life of Prayer

(or CAT102-105 if you have already taken CAT101) over the Summer
to complete the course requirements for your
Basic Catechist Certification (Diocese of Arlington),

and receive a **\$50.00 discount***!

*coupon limited to online registrations only. One coupon per person. Coupon may not be used with other coupons/discounts. You must register for all courses at one time. Registration will be valid until October 2011. You must attach this coupon to your registration form, which is available at: www.catholiceducationcenter.com under Registration Forms in the main menu.

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Have a safe and blessed Summer!