

THE CATHOLIC VISION

FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VISION, IDENTITY AND MISSION

Session Topics

Session One: About God

Session Two: About Jesus

Session Three: About Sacrament

Session Four: About Community

Session Five: About Personal Spirituality

Session Six: Recall and Reunion

Session Objectives

Session I: About God

- The participants will recognize and appreciate the inferences derived from the conception of God as a Trinity of love.

- The participants will conclude that creation, including daily life, is an expression of God's love and is good, worthy of respect, and appreciatively enjoyed.
- The participants will appreciate that failure to love, in their personal lives and/or through their social structures, is the rejection of the Trinity of Love. That is sin.

Session II, About Jesus

- The participants will recognize and appreciate that God chose incarnation as a human being as a way to express and teach about his love for humanity
- The participants will recognize that Jesus' entire life was a redemptive act demonstrating God's love for humanity by living as a model of love and by demonstrating that the worst effects of human evil are not the final result.
- The participants will appreciate that the fact and mystery of the resurrection indicates that life is stronger than death and love stronger than evil.

Session III, About Sacrament

- The participants will conclude that daily life, life in the world and the world itself, is saturated with God's presence
- The participants will acknowledge that the Church, flawed as she is in her membership and leadership, has been and continues to be a sign of God's love for humanity.
- The participants will appreciate that God lovingly has provided Sacraments as ways for us to encounter the Risen Christ in the ordinary course of our lives.

Session IV, About Community

- The participants will appreciate that the Church is a community founded by Christ as a way through which God calls and helps humanity to union with himself.
- The participants will differentiate between the two aspects of the one Church, a visible, earthly institution and a heavenly, spiritual community, the Mystical Body of Christ.
- The participants will consciously choose to participate in the communal life of the earthly Church both within the hierarchical Church and in temporal affairs of the world according to their vocation.

Session V, About Personal Spirituality

- The participants will appreciate and apply the concept that all are called to a holiness that is both personal and yet not private; that is, it is expressed all aspects of our daily lives.
- The participants will identify and value ways that their personal transformative growth affects and is affected by the transformative growth of their communities.
- The participants will compose a personal mission statement involving both self and community.

Session VI, Recall and Reunion

- The participants will recall the substance of the Catholic Vision sessions.
- The participants will commit either to a mission statement for their lives or to a continuing and broadening study of Catholic Christian values applicable to their lives.
- The participants will enjoy the company of those with whom they participated in the Catholic Vision Series.