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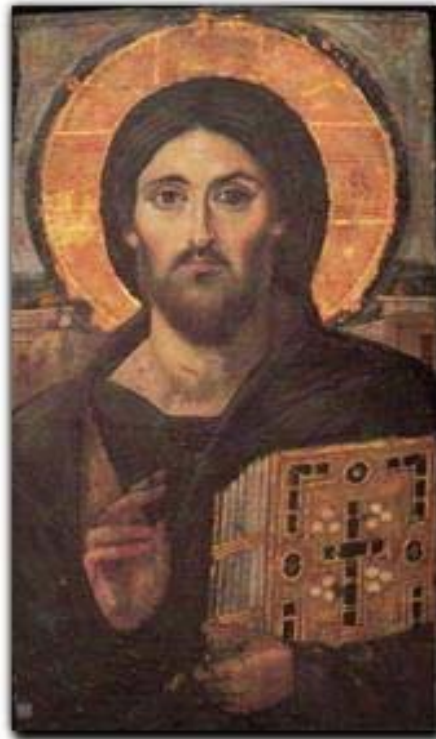
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Foundations in Faith

A Course of Catholic Faith Formation
Incorporating the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Participant's Handbook 2010 - 2012 Core Modules



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Foundations in Faith is a course of Catholic formation incorporating the *Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies*. Never has it been more important for Catholics to be well-versed in an understanding of their faith, both intellectually in terms of the mind and also spiritually in terms of the heart.

Foundations in Faith develops and enhances the core components of the *Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies* through a supporting programme of spiritual formation. It also offers a broad range of specialist studies so that, taken as a whole, the entire course provides a high level of faith formation for teachers, catechists and in fact anyone interested in deepening their knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which is the key reference text for **Foundations in Faith**, tells us that: "*At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father...who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever.*" (CCC 426) It is my hope that this course will lead you ever deeper into the mystery of Christ, the one who reveals the Father's love and who calls us to share the gospel with confidence and conviction.

Christ is at the centre of all catechesis and teaching in the ways of faith. Through this course may your mind and heart grow in knowledge and love of him so that together we can live our discipleship in joyful discovery of the truths that set us free.

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