

Come Follow Me Training Track

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The 2015 St. John Bosco Conference is offering a unique opportunity.

We are providing training in the "Come Follow Me" catechetical program for ages 7-11. This is a program developed by our colleagues Notre Dame de Vie Institute in France and is finally available in English.

The training has 8 workshops that will teach you how to offer "Come Follow Me" at your parish. The workshops will not only explain the program, they will also demonstrate the program. The workshops are:

1. Introduction to "Come, Follow Me"
2. Overview of "Come, Follow Me" Catechetical Principles and Content
3. Evangelisation and Catechesis in "Come, Follow Me"
4. Preparing a "Come, Follow Me" Session
5. Reading and Understanding the Word of God as Catechists
6. Proclaiming the Word of God to the Children
7. Group Preparation of a Session
8. Group Presentation of a Session

There are two presenters coming from France to offer the training, Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP and Waltraud Linnig. Both have offered the "Come Follow Me" training for years and you will be blessed by their personal witness, holiness and joy for the Lord.

For more information, please read the following pages that explain the program more fully and you can visit their website at: comefollowme.info

Please also see the description PDF on their website:

<http://comefollowme.info/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/NDV-Pamphlet4.pdf>

If you have questions, please call the Office of Catechetics at 740-284-5317 or email at catechetics@franciscan.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at the training.

Come, follow me

Evangelisation and Catechesis for children



for children aged 7 to 11 in schools and parishes

*"God is not a story nor a concept but truly someone,
whose greatness and love the child can grasp
through the mysterious experience of prayer
and the understanding of Scriptures."*

A Come, follow me Catechist

35 sessions each year to awaken the children's
understanding of the Catholic Faith, their interior life,
their sacramental life, and their moral life
under the breath of the Holy Spirit.



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Notre Dame de Vie
Institute, France,
approved by the French
Episcopal Commission
for Catechesis, and
published in English by
the Dominican Sisters of
St Joseph, UK

comefollowme.info

Content

From September to July: 35 sessions to discover God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to enter into the Liturgical Year

● September to Advent: God, Creator and Father

7 essential sessions to prepare for the Good News followed by 4 sessions on the Old Testament

God the Creator / the Angels / the Human Person / Prayer / Sin and Mercy / the Conscience / Happiness / Abraham / Moses / The Prophets



● Advent to Ascension: Jesus, Master and Saviour

We come to know Jesus through the Gospels, from the Annunciation to his death and Resurrection

Infancy Narratives / the Call / Faith, Hope and Charity / Growing in the gift of Self / the Paschal Mystery



● Ascension to July: The Holy Spirit, Giver of Life

We discover the Person of the Holy Spirit who forms the family of God: the Church.

Pentecost / the Church / The Sacraments / the life of the Church / The witness of the Apostles / the return of Jesus / Mary our Mother



"The christocentricity of catechesis leads to confession of faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit." GDC 99

Method

The Word of God read in the Light of the Church

In each session, The Word of God is read and understood in the light of the Church's teaching.

A prayerful dialogue takes place with the children, leading them to discover the truths of the Faith in the Word of God, and to encounter Jesus.



"The Word of God is active and touches the children. Through this contact with the Word of God, the children first experience God. God is not an idea or an ideological system, God is a reality and He comes to them in their own lives." Fr Benoit Caulle, author of *Come, follow me*

A free encounter with God in prayer

Trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work in the children's hearts.



2 spaces are used: one for gathering and activities, and one as a place of Meeting with God. In this way, the children have the freedom to remain in prayer as long as they wish.

"I can really see, in contrast with what I did before, that the children now enter into prayer, into the inner life, into silence" A Catechist from France

An integral, joyful approach, led by the Holy Spirit

The program, adapted to the psychological maturity of each age-group, aims at developing the whole human person in grace and freedom, in body and soul, and so to form saints for the third Millennium.



"This particular catechesis makes it possible for the children to recognise that 'loving God and doing what is good makes me happy'" A Catechist from Bavaria

Material

The Catechist's Ebooks

The catechist's Ebook presents each session in details, with its own Scripture, Theme, Catechism references, and suggested activity

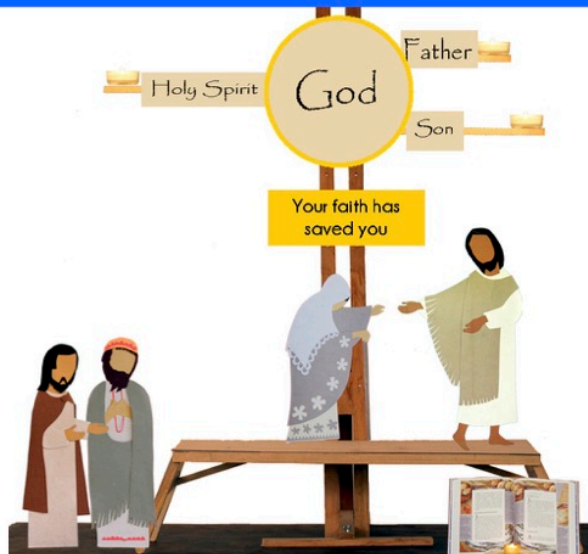
1st year: '*Live as Children of the Light*'
35 sessions for children aged 7-8
A year of Faith to introduce Confession

2nd year: '*Remain in my Love*'
35 sessions for children aged 8-9
A year of Charity to introduce the Eucharist

Year 3 and Year 4 are in preparation



The Silhouettes and Wooden Kit



The wooden kit and silhouettes to accompany each session can be purchased for each year.



The catechist's Ebooks for download, card silhouettes and wooden kit can all be purchased from www.comefollowme.info

"The visual display is beautiful, sober, and helps the children to be recollected"
A Catechist from France

"The silhouettes help the children to enter into the logic of God's salvific action and it really awakes the sense of God that children have in their nature" A Catechist from Japan