

St. John Bosco Catholic Church
2009-2010 RCIA Class Syllabus
(Updated 11/11/2009)

Welcome to this series of classes on “The Catholic Faith” offered by St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, VA. Both baptized and un-baptized non-Catholics are most welcome to attend these classes, without any obligation to convert to the Catholic Faith. Adult Catholics who would like to renew their understanding of the faith are also invited to attend. These classes are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program within the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is an adult education course offered to those outside the Church who would like to learn more about the faith and possibly come into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 3rd, 2010. For the un-baptized, all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist) will be received at the Easter Vigil Mass. For those already baptized into Christ in another Christian denomination, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be done, a Profession of Faith will be made, and they will receive Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Such an important decision - whether to embrace or not to embrace the Catholic Faith - can only be maturely made by someone who has a true knowledge of that Faith. Thus, it is vitally important that every Truth-seeker take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith from Father Wilhelm Ettner and other qualified instructors under his supervision.

Unless otherwise indicated on the attached syllabus, the classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Saint Francis Room at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, VA. The primary instructor for this class is Reverend Father Wilhelm Ettner. He will be assisted by Reverend Father Robert Lange and Steve Clifford.

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September 15 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intro & Belief in the One God - Knowledge of God - Reason & Science - Nature of Religion 	CCC #1-49 CD pp 2-22, 60-63
September 22 nd (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revealed & Personal God - Sacred Tradition 	CCC #50-100 CD pp 54-60, 87-92
September 29 th (Father Lange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacred Scripture - Inspiration, Inerrancy - Canonicity, Versions 	CCC #101-141 CD pp 49-53
October 6 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faith (Response to Revelation) - Practice of Religion - Personal & Communal 	CCC #142-184 CD pp 47-49
October 13 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creed (Profession of Faith) - Belief in the Triune God 	CCC #185-267 CD pp 55-60, 70
October 20 th (Father Lange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God the Father - Creation Out of Nothing - Angels & Devils - World, Universe, and Man 	CCC #268-384 CD pp 58, 62-63, 286
October 27 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Fall (Original Sin) - Sin and the Effects of Sin - Concupiscence 	CCC #385-421 CD pp 95-96, 206-208
November 3 rd (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christology - Incarnation of God the Son - Pre-existence - Word become Flesh - God-Man (the Hypostatic Union) 	CCC #422-570 CD pp 65-71
November 10 th (Father Lange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission of Christ - Passion & Death - Resurrection - Ascension, Second Coming 	CCC #571-682 CD pp 54-72
November 17 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pneumatology - God the Holy Spirit - The Paraclete, Pentecost - Source of Inspiration, Wisdom 	CCC #683-747 CD pp 59, 88, 109-111
November 24 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecclesiology (the Church) - Nature, Purpose, Origin - Mission of the Church - Communion of Saints - Church Militant, Suffering, and Triumphant 	CCC #748-962 CD pp 18-43, 273-291

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December 1 st (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Papal Primacy - Church and Papal Infallibility - Apostolic Succession 	Class Handouts CD pp 23-35
December 8 th (Steve Clifford) <u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mariology - Immaculate Conception - Virgin Birth - Perpetual Virginity - Assumption - Mother of the Church - Apparitions (Private Revelation) - Dulia, Intercession, Role Models 	CCC #963-975 CCC #65-67 CD pp 257-272
December 15 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church History - Eastern Orthodox Schism (1054) - Protestant Reformation (1517) - Modern & Contemporary Church 	Class Handout CD pp 343-384s
December 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No class 	
December 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No class 	
January 5 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eschatology (the Last Things) - Death, Judgment - Heaven, Hell, Purgatory - Second Coming (Parousia) - Resurrection of the Dead - General Judgment - End of the World - Christian Funerals 	CCC #976-1060 CD pp 58-60
January 12 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacraments – The Liturgy - Liturgy & Worship - Nature of Sacrament - The Seven Sacraments - Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation 	CCC #1061-1209 CCC #1210-1321 CD pp 92-111
January 19 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holy Eucharist - Sacrifice of the Mass 	CCC #1322-1419 CD pp 106-108, 148-150
January 26 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacred Banquet – Holy Communion - Blessed Sacrament – Real Presence - Holy Hour of Adoration 	Class Handouts CD pp 149, 276-277, 293-295
February 2 nd (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacraments of Healing - Penance or Reconciliation - Anointing of the Sick - Sacraments of Community - Holy Orders - Deacon, Priest, Bishop 	CCC #1420-1532 CD pp 123-132 CCC #1533-1600 CD pp 121-123

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February 9 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matrimony (Christian Marriage) - Love & Life - Unity & Procreation - Annulments 	CCC #1601-1666 CD pp 113-120
February 16 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morality via Reason (Ethics) - Human Person as Agent - Free, Deliberate, Conscious Acts - Natural Moral Law - Responsibility, Conscience - Formation of Conscience - Applied Morality 	CCC #1699-1845 CD pp 163-179
February 23 rd (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morality via Faith (Moral Theology) - Sin & Grace - Mortal & Venial Sins - Beatitudes - Precepts of the Church - Canon Law 	CCC #1846-2051 CD pp 13, 74-76, 123-130, 169-182
March 2 nd (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ten Commandments (Introduction) (<u>Love of God</u>) I: Honor God II: Honor God's Name III: Honor God's Day 	CCC #2083-2195 CD pp 183-188
March 9 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ten Commandments (<u>Love of Neighbor</u>) IV: Honor Your Parents V: Honor Human Life VI and IX: Honor Human Sexuality 	CCC #2196-2557 CD pp 188-193
March 16 th (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ten Commandments (<u>Love of Neighbor</u>) VII and X: Honor the Property of Others VIII: Honor the Truth - Ten Commandments (Summary) - Examination of Conscience 	Class Handouts CD pp 194-198

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March 23 rd (Steve Clifford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer & Spirituality - Forms & Types of Prayer - Model of Prayer – the Our Father - Intro to Spiritual Readings - Sacramentals & Blessings - Rosary, Holy Water - Statues, Medals - Ashes, Palms, Throat Blessing - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Novena Prayers 	<p>CCC #2558-2865 Class Handouts</p> <p>CCC #1667-1690 CD pp 293-305</p>
March 30 th (Father Ettner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church Tour - Question and Answer 	
April 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Vigil Rehearsal 	Meet in the Church
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