

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2009
DIOCESE OF SANDHURST**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name: _____

Parish: _____

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I AM INTERESTED IN ENROLMENT FOR: (PLEASE TICK)

Please circle

- **Foundations** (IFE, course)
- **Diploma of Theology Studies**
- **Bachelor of Theology Studies**
- **Graduate Certificate in Theology Studies**
- **Graduate Diploma of Theology Studies**
- **Masters in Theology Studies**
(BBI courses)

PREVIOUS STUDY

PLEASE FORWARD EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO:



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

Adult Faith Education & Pastoral Ministries Formation Programs

Distance Education 2009 - 2010



Would you like to:

- Learn more about your Catholic faith?
- Be better prepared to serve within your faith community?
- Apply for accreditation for pastoral ministry?
- Complete a systematic introduction to Theology?
- Complete specialist studies in Liturgy, Youth Ministry or Pastoral Care?
- Share in a process of spiritual formation and community building?

FOUNDATIONS I (Certificate IV in Theology)

From the Brisbane Institute of Faith Education.

The course is designed for adults who have no previous experience of formal theological study and are seeking a systematic introduction to theology in the Catholic tradition. There are six themes in modules that are easy to read and broken into small sections. All course materials are provided in the distance education package.

As part of the learning process you will be required to

- Attend two days for orientation / review, input & reflection.
- Attend local cluster group meetings for two hours each twice per module to complete specific tasks.
- Complete a written assignment (800—1000) words for modules 1, 3, 5.
- Provide an oral presentation (5 mins) at the end of cluster group meetings for modules 2, 4, 6 and submit a written report (800-1000 words) from the presentation.
- Provide occasional feedback to conform with accrediting body requirements.
- Attend a diocesan weekend for spiritual nurture (*recommended*).

2009

- **Theology and History**
- **Revelation and the Hebrew Scriptures**
- **God's Self-communication in Jesus Christ**

2010

- **Church—People of God**
- **Liturgy and Sacraments**
- **The Christian Way of Life**

Cost: **\$460 per year**
(= 3 modules \$360 + costs for assessment, input days & discounts for some other Adult Faith Education events.)
Information regarding costs for weekend to be provided separately.

Parishes may part-fund costs according to criteria set by the parish

DIPLOMA OR BACHELOR IN THEOLOGY / GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR MASTERS IN THEOLOGY

From the Broken Bay Institute, NSW / Sydney College of Divinity, units also credited by other theological colleges and universities.

Anyone ready for study at tertiary level, including previous graduates of Foundations I, may enrol at undergraduate level. Previous degree holders in any discipline may enrol in the same units at postgraduate level. The Certificate program involves four semester units completed over two years. Those who wish to continue their studies in distance education mode with BBI after completing Certificate units may do so.

As part of the learning process you will be required to:

- Attend one preparatory meeting and 3 cluster group meetings linked to completion of assignments for each semester unit
- Attend two weekend 'Intensives' during the year (February and August).
- Complete three written assignments for each unit (words as indicated for each task)
- Attend one weekend for spiritual nurture (*recommended*).

2009

- **Introduction to Biblical Studies** (*Course author: Br. Luke Saker*)
- **Faith, Revelation and Theology** (*Course author: Matthew Del Nevo*)

2010

- **Catholic Liturgical Foundations** (*Rev Dr John Frauenfelder*)
- **The Church** (*tba*)

Or 2010 and later studies choose units for a specialised pathway such as: **Youth Ministry, Theology of Marriage & Responsible Parenting, Family Life Education, Social Justice, Christian Ethics, Prayer & Spirituality**, and other units for pastoral ministries. Large range of further units also available in for example, **Liturgy, Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Philosophy**.

Costs: Commonwealth Fee Help support available for Australian citizens:
Undergraduate level: \$ 850 per unit. **Post Graduate level:** \$950 per unit.
No repayments for income below \$39 825 pa. Loan repayment rates indexed for incomes above this threshold. Loan fee of 20% applies for undergraduate students (ie no previous degree). Interest free loan applies for post graduate students (ie. have previous degree; any subject areas).
(Commonwealth Fee Help Information: See www.goingtouni.gov.au).

Diocesan fee of \$80 pa applies for 'Intensive' programs, workshops etc.
Information regarding costs for diocesan weekend to be provided separately.

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