

MODULE 4

A PEOPLE ON MISSION

COURSE OVERVIEW

This module engages participants in an exploration of what it means to be a people on mission. This will include investigating the call to evangelisation, exploring evangelisation in the context of parish and family life, as well the role of evangelisation in the wider community. This module will also look at how we can make missionary disciples in our parishes and faith communities and present practical ways that the church calls us to go forth on mission.

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The **Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation** exists to facilitate a **deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition**. It provides four core modules in Catholic Foundations as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats and one-off events.

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WEEK 1

Why Does the Church Exist?

If the Church stopped tomorrow, what difference would it make, and who would notice? This session explores what Scripture and Tradition reveal about the Church's mission, what Pope Francis offers in *Evangelii Gaudium*, and how we are called to respond as missionary disciples today.

WEEK 2

Christology and Mission

Before Nicaea and Chalcedon, the Church defended Christ's full divinity and humanity, a truth later refined in the language of the hypostatic union. What are the soteriological implications? The Father sends the Son, the Spirit brings this work to life in us, and we share in what St Paul calls the ministry of reconciliation.

WEEK 3

Mission and Synodality

Synodality is not an end in itself, but serves the Church's mission. This session explores how listening, discernment and participation help the Church become more missionary, and how local communities can practise fruitful synodality in ways that strengthen communion and mission.

WEEK 4

Mission and Eschatology

What are we building toward? Being missional means living with the end in mind: the gathering of all things in Christ. His reign has already broken into the world and grows through the Church's mission. This session explores how we live, orient ourselves and work together in that light.

WEEK 5

Mission in our cultural moment

Who are we called to reach, and what are their lives really like? This session explores how mission begins by attending carefully to others, understanding their world from within, and responding to real needs. As Christ entered our humanity, we are called to meet people in theirs.

WEEK 6

Holy Spirit the Evangelist

The witness of Christ has always depended on the Holy Spirit. The first Apostles waited until they received his power before bearing witness to the world. Throughout history, the Church shares the Gospel only in reliance on the Spirit, its principal agent of mission (CCC 852).

STARTING 17 AUGUST 2026



WEEK 7

Mission Accepted

How do we live out our baptismal call in everyday life? This session explores how the joy of the Gospel becomes visible through words and actions of love, courage, prayer and invitation, as we walk with people in their real lives, share faith naturally, and remain present through difficulty.

WEEK 8

The Mission in the Public Square

How does the Church engage public life for the good of everyone? This session explores how Catholic Social Teaching calls us to defend human dignity, protect the vulnerable, challenge injustice, and help shape a society marked by peace, solidarity and the flourishing of every person.

WEEK 9

A Parish on Mission

What does it take for a parish to become truly missionary? This session explores how discipleship pathways can help parishes proclaim the Gospel, foster intentional growth and build meaningful community, moving beyond welcome alone toward a culture of invitation, formation and shared mission.

WHO'S IT FOR?

This course is designed with all baptised Catholics in mind, particularly:

- Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others
- Those preparing for the ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist
- Those who are parish staff or volunteers who do not have any formal theological qualifications
- Those who want to share their faith with others.

MONDAYS | 7-9PM

HANLY ROOM, FRANCIS RUSH CENTRE,
ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL PRECINCT

WEEK 1

MON 17 AUGUST

Why Does the
Church Exist?

WEEK 2

MON 24 AUGUST

Christology
and Mission

WEEK 3

MON 31 AUGUST

Mission and
Synodality

WEEK 4

MON 7 SEPTEMBER

Mission and
Eschatology

WEEK 5

MON 14 SEPTEMBER

Mission in Our
Cultural Moment

WEEK 6

MON 21 SEPTEMBER

Holy Spirit
the Evangelist

WEEK 7

MON 12 OCTOBER

Mission
Accepted

WEEK 8

MON 19 OCTOBER

The Mission in the
Public Square

WEEK 9

MON 26 OCTOBER

A Parish
on Mission



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INFORMATION AND
TO REGISTER BEFORE
7 AUGUST 2026

Cost: \$250 in-person, \$150 in-person group of 5 or more, \$150 per-person regional hub.