

## **Programme Descriptor: A Catechesis on Marriage and Family**

### **Who is the programme aimed at?**

The programme is for anyone wishing to understand the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage and the family and its relationship to the New Evangelization. This includes, in particular, those considering/preparing for marriage; those already married or involved in marriage preparation and accompaniment, and family and youth ministry.

### **How long is the programme?**

This is a six month, part-time, distance- learning course.

### **When is the next enrolment?**

There are 3 points of enrolment: November 2020; March 2020; January 2021.

### **Programme information (content & structure)**

The course presents the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage and the family drawing from Sacred Scripture, the teaching of the Church, particularly following the Second Vatican Council, within the context of the relationship between catechesis and the New Evangelization.

There are two modules each supported by webinar tutorial;

1. A Catechesis on Marriage
2. A Catechesis on the Family

### **Assessment**

A written assignment (1500 words) is completed for each module. The assessment seeks to further skills appropriate to the mission of evangelization.

### **Resources needed**

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Access to Magisterial Documents
- Access to resources on Moodle

**Learning outcomes:** At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding of God's saving plan of love which is lived in a particular way in the vocation to marriage and family life
- An appreciation of the relationship between personal holiness, catechesis and the Church's mission in the 'New Evangelization'
- A deeper personal awareness of the relationship between personal identity and fulfilment in light of the relationship between life's experience and the Catholic Faith

# A Catechesis on Marriage and the Family

## Course Module Descriptors

### Module 1: A Catechesis on Marriage

**Department:** Maryvale Institute, Marriage and Family

**Module title:** A Catechesis on Marriage

**Level:** 3

#### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Mixed delivery through study days, and the study of the course module supported by webinar lectures and tutorials.

#### **Core reading:**

The course module; relevant teaching from the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and magisterial documents.

#### **Module aims:**

To introduce students to the nature of the vocation to marriage as a 'vocation to love' within the Catholic Tradition, with particular reference to the teaching of the Church following the Second Vatican Council

To demonstrate the understanding of this vocation as a call to personal holiness, the point of departure for the mission of evangelization

#### **Module contents:**

Chapter 1: Marriage and Family Today

Chapter 2: Marriage and Family as a Witness to Love

Chapter 3: God's Plan for Human Love – Marriage in 'the beginning'

Chapter 4 Human Love is Redeemed – The Sacrament of Marriage

Chapter 5: Marriage – a lifelong journey together in love.

#### **Learning outcomes:**

By the end of this module the student should	Demonstrated or Assessed by
Understand the main elements of the Church's teaching on Christian marriage and be able to explain how these are related to the essential truths of the Catholic Faith.	Study of the course module and relevant accompanying resources assessed in the preparation and writing of a written assignment

<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between marriage, catechesis and the New Evangelization</p>	<p>Study of the module and assessment in a written assignment structured towards personal appropriation and engagement with/sharing with others (evangelization)</p>
<p>Develop an appreciation of the nature of personal holiness lived in the dynamic relationship between life's experience, particularly in marriage, and the truths of the Faith</p>	<p>Assessed in a written assignment structured towards personal appropriation and engagement with/sharing with others (evangelization)</p>

### **Summary of Method of Assessment**

1500 word essay framed as an experience of evangelization i.e. a sharing of the 'good news' of marriage to others

# A Catechesis on Marriage and the Family

## Course Module Descriptors

### **Module 2: A Catechesis on the Family**

**Department:** Maryvale Institute, Marriage and Family

**Module title:** A Catechesis on the Family

**Level:** 3

#### **Teaching and learning methods:**

Mixed delivery through study days, and the study of the course module supported by webinar lectures and tutorials.

#### **Core reading:**

The course module; relevant teaching from the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and magisterial documents.

#### **Module aims:**

To introduce students to the understanding of the family within the Catholic Tradition, with particular reference to the teaching of the Church following the Second Vatican Council

To demonstrate how the Christian family lies at the heart of the Church's mission of evangelization, as the 'bearer of the covenant' of God's love

#### **Module contents:**

Chapter 1: The Gospel – 'good news' – of the Family

Chapter 2: The Family and God's Covenant of Love

Chapter 3: The Family as the 'Church of the Home'

Chapter 4 The Mission of the Family

Chapter 5: The Family: A Journey of Love.

#### **Learning outcomes:**

By the end of this module the student should	Demonstrated or Assessed by
Understand the main elements of the Church's teaching on the family as a covenant community of faith, hope and love	Study of the course module and relevant accompanying resources assessed in the preparation and writing of a written assignment

<p>Gain knowledge of the central role of the family for the New Evangelization and the renewal of a culture of life.</p>	<p>Study of the module and assessment in a written assignment structured towards personal appropriation and engagement with/sharing with others (evangelization)</p>
<p>Develop an appreciation of the nature of personal holiness lived in the dynamic relationship between life's experience, particularly in the family, and the truths of the Faith</p>	<p>Assessed in a written assignment structured towards personal appropriation and engagement with/sharing with others (evangelization)</p>

### **Summary of Method of Assessment**

1500 word essay framed as an experience of evangelization i.e. a sharing of the 'good news' of the family to others