The Profession of Faith—Part 1

By exploring the Creed (CCC 26-1065), we discover the nature and mystery of God, the inner life of the Trinity, the full reality of Jesus Christ as Son of God and Savior, the identity of the Church and the divine call to enter into a loving and saving relationship with God.

“Man’s Capacity for God” (Compendium 1-5)
- Introduction to the Course
- God’s Plan
- Man’s Desire for God
- Certainty of God through Reason
- Inexpressible Mystery of God

“God Comes to Meet Man” (Compendium 6-24)
- Stages of Divine Revelation
- Private Revelation
- Deposit of Faith
- Magisterium
- Scripture

“Man’s Response to God” (Compendium 25-32)
- Obedience of Faith
- Assent to Truths of Divine Revelation
- Characteristics of Faith
- Faith & Reason
- Faith as a Personal & Ecclesial Act

“The Father” (Compendium 33-78)
- Symbols of Faith
- Belief in God
- Holy Trinity
- Angels
- Man

“The Son” (Compendium 79-135)
- Jesus
- Mary
- Jesus’ Public Ministry
- Pascal Mystery
- Jesus’ Second Coming

“The Holy Spirit” (Compendium 136-217)
- Mission, Names, Symbols, & Works
- Origin & Mission of the Church
- Four Marks of the Church
- The Church’s Faithful
- Four Last Things

Formation Retreat: The Holy Trinity in Our Lives

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish
200 E. 78th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

Travel Directions
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is located two blocks north of Hwy. 30 (E. 80th Ave.) and one block east of Broadway Ave. in Merrillville, Indiana. There is ample parking in the lot outside the parish church.

* Please note: Registration and classes will take place in the parish church. Please arrive early on first class to obtain class materials.

Text Books & Online Resources
All registered and paid participants of the “Pillars of Faith” program will receive copies of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In addition to these assigned texts, participants will receive a one-year subscription to FORMED, a revolutionary online digital platform that offers a wealth of informative and entertaining Catholic audio talks, eBooks, feature films, documentaries, and video-based study programs from trusted providers like The Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Press, Knights of Columbus, St. Paul Center and Bishop Hying’s Echo video series. Such resources will greatly supplement the “Pillars of Faith” presentations and allow you to deepen your knowledge and love for the Catholic Faith.

Adult Catholic Faith Formation

Pillars of Faith

An Overview of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Monday Evenings 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
Sept. 25–Oct. 30, 2017
St. Joan of Arc Parish
Merrillville, Indiana

Everyone is Invited to Register!

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Many Catholics, even those deeply involved in the Church, seek a better knowledge and understanding of the Faith. For many of us, our formal study of Catholicism ended when we were confirmed. Our Diocesan Synod has affirmed the deep need for adult formation in the Faith here in our local Church. To satisfy this wonderful desire to know God and his revelation better, the Diocese is offering a new series entitled “Pillars of the Faith,” consisting of four semesters of six classes each which will explore the basics of Catholicism. This fall, we will offer the first semester in both English and Spanish, exploring the Creed as the basis of our faith and belief. The ensuing semesters will focus on the Sacraments, Moral Action and Prayer. This new opportunity is for anyone who wants to learn more about both what and why we believe as Catholics. Come join us in this adventure of faith!

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Presenter:
Most Rev. Donald J. Hying,
Bishop of Gary

September 25, 2017
Topic: “Man’s Capacity for God”

October 2, 2017
Topic: “God Comes to Meet Man”

October 9, 2017
Topic: “Man’s Response to God”

October 16, 2017
Topic: “The Father”

October 23, 2017
Topic: “The Son”

October 30, 2017
Topic: “The Holy Spirit”

November 11, 2017—9 A.M. to NOON
Formation Retreat: “The Holy Trinity in Our Lives—Location & Presenter TBD

Schedule and presenter subject to change.

For any questions, please call
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