

Sister Parish Project 2018 - 2021

Catechist Formation Program: Catholic Theology for Parish Leaders

St. Michael Church Iglesias de San Cristóbal Ss. Peter & Paul Church
Fort Loramie, Ohio San Cristóbal, El Salvador Newport, Ohio

Global Sponsor for Catechist Certification

THE VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY for Faith Formation model was introduced In 1997 by the *University of Dayton* partnered with the *Archdiocese of Cincinnati*. Most *VLCCFF* students are between the ages of 35 and 60 years old, and more than two-thirds are engaged in ministry.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is a leader in promoting adult faith formation and avenues for our catechist's formation. In rural El Salvador, resources for adult formation is not easily accessible or affordable. Our sister parish in San Cristóbal has identified *VLCCFF* as being a valuable opportunity for their community leaders.

OUR SISTER PARISH in San Cristobal, El Salvador has ten computers to use with their English Program. These computers will also be used with this Adult Catechist Certification Program.

Our sister-parish teams are seeking sponsorship for 16 adult learners in San Cristobal, El Salvador.

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION DETAILS

- Facilitated by the University of Dayton in the Spanish language, culturally appropriate for Latin America.
- Seven Catholic theology courses over a four year period will cost o\$120 per year.
- Courses are five weeks in length and takes about 5 hours each week to complete that week's lesson.
- The small group will meet together in El Salvador on a weekly basis.
- Projected start date is May 29, 2018
- The first year courses include: 1. Introduction to Catholicism 2. The Basics of the Bible

What Can You Do?

OPTIONS TO BE AN EDUCATION SPONSORS:

Sponsor an adult learner for up to 4 years through the catechist certification process, sponsor for one year (\$120), sponsor for a half of a year (\$60) or make a one-time donation. Full sponsorship provides one adult learner the full year of on-line studies through the University of Dayton's *VLCCFF* Program, books, and the small group experiences.

MEET YOUR SPONSORED FRIEND FROM SAN CRISTÓBAL The twinning teams will match learners with sponsors so all involved can build a deeper understanding of global solidarity and to build friendships across borders. This is an opportunity to share faith, learn about a different culture and to walk in solidarity through this gift called life.



VLCCFF at the University of Dayton - Our Mission

Our mission is to mobilize the resources of the University of Dayton for partnerships with the Church that create and implement innovative pastoral initiatives designed to meet the needs of the Church and to articulate faith within the context of contemporary cul-

BASIC DETAILS

- No financial gifts, or special compensation may be exchanged to - or from any individual participating with the VLCCFF Catechist Certification program as a Catechist or as a Sponsor.
- Cultural sensitivity is an integral aspect of this sponsorship.
- Our Sister Parish Programs, including the VLCCFF Catechist Certification Sponsorship Program, are projects intended to offer opportunities to share resources while deepening relationships across borders.
- All donations for Sponsorship are tax-deductible.
- Checks are payable to St Michael Church or Ss. Peter and Paul Church / Memo: "Catechist Formation Sponsor"

THE VLCCFF PROGRAM IN SAN CRISTOBAL

- The recommended size of group to be in formation is 10-16 community leaders.
- The courses offered for Catechist Certification will be published by the leaders of San Cristobal.
- Two 5-week courses will be offered each year.
- The courses are offered on line, facilitated by the University of Dayton, Ohio, a Catholic—Marianist University.
- Learners agree to commit to contributing to the cost of the courses in San Cristobal, and participating with each gathering set by leaders of San Cristóbal.
- This is a sister-parish project organized through the church leaders of San Cristóbal, St Michael and Ss. Peter & Paul.
- Participants who sign up for an online class agree to participate with each of the five-week classes and any days of reflection organized by leaders of San Cristóbal.
- Participants are committed to complete the class they are registered for.
- The sister-parish teams will continue to seek sponsorship until catechist certification is acquired. This agreement will be in effect through the year 2021, at which time the project will be reviewed.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Catechists and Sponsors will be matched personally.
- Learners in San Cristóbal will share in at least one message per year, of their experience in the formation process.
- Sponsors are not obligated to share in this communication, however the ultimate goal is that all sponsors will reach out in solidarity for the purpose of encouraging one another, to share faith, and to engage in our mission as Church.

Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

_____ Annual sponsorship \$120.00 _____ Annual (half) sponsorship \$60. One-time donation \$ _____

