

**MEMBERSHIP**

On being awarded the Certificate, students become members of Our Lady's Catechists and are expected to offer their services to their parish priest.

A Newsletter is issued annually - free of charge - to members, who are also entitled to attend the Annual Conference and other Meetings as arranged.

**COURSE REGISTRAR**

Address all enquiries for the Foundation Course to:

Mrs. Pamela Comerford,  
OUR LADY'S CATECHIST  
6 Gaskell Rd  
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Manchester  
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# Sowing the Seed

## FOUNDATION COURSE

By Post or Email

Adult Faith Development

or  
**Qualification as  
a Parish  
Catechist**



**FOUNDATION COURSE**  
**APPLICATION**

**Parts 1-3 only**

(Mr/Mrs./Miss)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for taking the Course

Do you wish to be put in contact with other students in your diocese? \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION BY PARISH PRIEST:**  
(preferable for all those choosing this course.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: (Rev.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Form to be returned to the Registrar** together with a cheque for £30. Cheques should be made payable to: **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – OLC**

**Pam Comerford,**  
**6 Gaskell Rd,**  
**Eccles, M30 0HP**

*Part 4. Sowing the Seed will cost an additional £5 if you pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Assessment.*

**EXPENSES**

The Fee for Parts 1, 2a, 2b and 3 is £30.00. (This will include Course notes on Doctrine, Scripture and Moral Issues.) There is an additional Fee of £5.00 for Part 4. Students will pay postage on work papers to and from their tutor.

**SUPERVISION**

The Course is under the general supervision of the Director of Studies, Rev. Harry Curtis, M.Ed., B.Sc., STL. Students are assigned to a tutor, and invited to attend the OLC Annual Conference and Study Day, to meet tutors and fellow students.



**CERTIFICATION**

The full Course can be completed in two years but full allowance is made for personal circumstances.

At the end of Part 3, the student wishing to qualify as a catechist will be assessed, partly on Course and partly on an externally assessed review paper written at home under the same conditions as the Course units.

Part 4 will be assessed on written papers and practical work to be arranged by the student and approved by the parish priest or his delegate.

On successful completion of the Course, assessment and practical work, student will be awarded a Certificate, signed by the Bishop of the student's diocese, the Chairman of OLC and the Director of Studies, which qualifies the successful student as a Parish Catechist.



**AIMS FOR SOWING THE SEED COURSE**

1. To train men and women to become parish catechists. For this, all Modules must be completed.
2. To provide a postal course for adults wishing to develop their knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Church. For this purpose, Parts 1, 2 and 3 are appropriate.

**THE COURSE**

The Course is divided into four Parts:

**PART 1:**

**DOCTRINE**

*THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*

**PART 2:**

**THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY**

2a, Old Testament: 2b, New Testament:

**PART 3:**

**MORAL ISSUES: LIFE IN CHRIST**

*CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*  
*VERITATIS SPLENDOR (Papal Encyclical)*

Some students end their study at this point and will receive a Completion certificate, with or without assessment.

Those who wish to qualify as parish catechists take the first assessment then go on to:

**PART 4**

**PRACTICAL WORK: SOWING THE SEED**

*GENERAL DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS*

**HOW TO BE A CATECHIST,**

Susan Sayers (Kevin Mayhew)

Students must also have a copy of the New Jerusalem Bible, and Sunday Missal.

Textbooks available from

**Our Lady's Bookshop**

25 Northgate,

HESSLE, Humberside

HU13 0LW Tel: 01482 641835.

