

**Continuing Education Offered by
The Office of the Permanent Diaconate
and
The Office of Formation and Discipleship**

We are pleased to announce that three Continuing Education courses will be offered to Deacons and laity (i.e., parish leaders, DRE, RE Coordinators, Youth Ministers, Parish Catechists, etc.) beginning in January 2012. **These courses are offered on Saturday mornings at the St. Stephen Center which is located in Building A at 2969 Butner Rd. SW, Atlanta, GA.** Mass is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on each class date at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish which is co-located with the St. Stephen Center.

The complete information on this exciting Continuing Education opportunity is provided below.

Course Schedule

First Semester (9 classes)	Second Semester (9 classes)
Jan. 28 th	Aug. 18 th & 25 th
Feb. 4 th & 18 th	Sep. 8 th & 22 nd
Mar. 10 th & 24 th	Oct. 13 th & 27 th
Apr. 14 th & 28 th	Nov. 3 rd & 17 th
May 5 th & 19 th	Dec. 1 st
Christian Anthropology	American Church History
Missiology and Evangelization	
Christology	

Courses Offered:

Missiology and Evangelization – from 9:00 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. (Full Year Course)

This course will enable students to distinguish between Evangelization in its broadest sense, the essential mission of the Church, and aspects of this Evangelization like initial proclamation of the gospel which raises up faith, as well as catechesis. Students will distinguish between the mission *ad gentes* and the New Evangelization as distinct pastoral initiatives. Students will understand the essential content of the kerygma, the connection between spirituality and evangelization, and look at some successful methods of evangelization from the tradition and from modern ministries.

Christian Anthropology – from 10:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. (First Semester Only)

This course will examine the nature, powers, acts, and ends of the human person. It will examine the unity of soul and body. It will provide the basis for further theological studies of human actions by examining the various powers and their interactions found in human existence. The course will also consider grace and the action of grace on the human person, including the relationship between grace and freedom.

American Church History – from 10:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. (Second Semester Only)

This course will explore the history of the Catholic Church in the United States of America from colonial times to the present. The unique contributions that various cultures and nationalities have brought to the American church will be examined, along with leading figures in the Church in the United States. The specific character of the Church in the United States will be considered, as well as its relationship to the Church in other parts of the world.

Christology – from 11:25 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. (Full Year Course)

This course will examine the Christian faith in Jesus Christ, Son of God and true man. It will consider the scriptural texts related to Christ's nature, the development of Christological dogma, together with major figures and controversies, and the implications of Christological dogma for Christian life. Christ's role as redeemer and the redemptive value of Christ's sacrifice will be explored, together with the questions of justification and merit. The Christian concept of grace will also be explored in this class.

Tuition

Tuition is due at the time of registration. For the 2012 class year, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and the Office of Formation and Discipleship will subsidize 50% of the tuition. The remaining balance is due at registration and may potentially be reimbursed to you by your parish, check with your Pastor regarding his reimbursement guidelines.

Course	Regular Tuition	Subsidized Amount	Amount Due at Registration
Missiology & Evangelization	\$80	\$40	\$40
Christian Anthropology	\$40	\$20	\$20
American Church History	\$40	\$20	\$20
Christology	\$80	\$40	\$40

Textbooks

Students will be responsible for acquiring their own textbooks. The texts required for each course will be confirmed in early January and registered students will be notified by email of the selections. Generally texts will cost between \$25 and \$50 for an individual course.

Continuing Education Credit

These classes provide lay participants with credit toward Archdiocesan Catechist Certification and Deacons with credit toward their “Category Two – Studies” ongoing formation requirement.

Registration

Online registration for these courses is now open at: [Continuing Education 2012 \(http://donate.archatl.com/continuingeducation\)](http://donate.archatl.com/continuingeducation). You are allowed to register for one, two or all three classes if you like.

Registration is limited for each course and will be done on a first come, first served basis so please register soon.

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