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Healing of The Paralytic

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<p>Divine Liturgy Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 AM Mon – Sat: 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Healing of the Paralytic 1Tim 5:24-6:5 Mk 2:1-12</p>	<p>Pastor Fr. Milad Yaghi, M.L.M. frmilad@usa.com</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 30 min. before Mass by request</p>	<p>Monday Eph 5:3-13 Mk 5:1-20</p>	<p>Associate Pastor Fr. Pierre El-Khoury, M.L.M. frpierre@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) Notify the Pastor four months in advance</p>	<p>Tuesday 1Tim 1:1-8 Mk 6:47-56</p>	<p>Associate Pastor Fr. Andre Estephan, M.L.M. fr_andremlm@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Sacrament of Baptism (and Confirmation) Notify the Pastor one month in advance</p>	<p>Wednesday St. Patrick's Day Eph 6:1-9 Lk 7:11-17</p>	<p>Subdeacon Jim Pinero jimp1940@aol.com</p>
<p>Anointing of the Sick Contact the Pastor</p>	<p>Thursday 2Tim 1:6-14 Mk 4:33-41</p>	<p>Parish Council President Nicolas Nammour, MD nic_nammour@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Parish Organizations Daughters of Mary Knights of the Cedars Maronite Youth (MYO)</p>	<p>Friday St. Joseph's Feast Day Eph 3:1-13 Mt 1:18-25</p>	<p>CCE Director Rebecca Carrum gcarrum@sbcglobal.net</p>
	<p>Saturday Col 3:23-4:7 Mk 7:31-37</p>	<p>Youth Coordinator Stephanie Rocha stephanie.rocha@hok.com</p>
	<p>Healing of the Blind Man 2Cor 10:1-7 Mk 10:46-52</p>	<p>Choir Director Joseph Rouhana Logopg1@aol.com</p>
		<p>Parish Secretary Michelle Fuentes sydneyaus@live.com</p>
<p>Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church 11935 Bellfort Village Drive, Houston, Texas 77031 Telephone: 281.568.6800 – www.ourladyofthecedars.net Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 AM –2:00 PM</p>		

The Office of Continuing Christian Education is guided by the Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Catechetical documents of the Church.

We assist catechetical leaders in parishes and schools in furthering the evangelizing catechetical mission of a family-oriented, multi-cultural church of adults, adolescents and children.

We provide services to promote lifelong formation so that everyone's faith becomes living, conscious and active.

Dates, times, and locations change every spring and every fall.

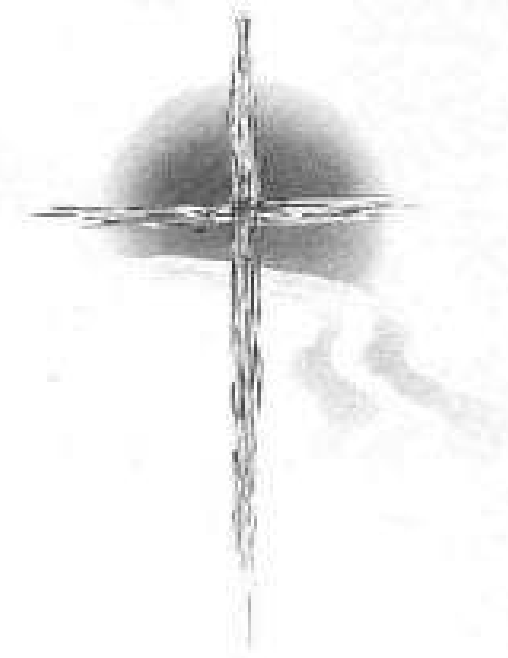
For the current list of locations and to get a registration form visit the Archdiocesan Website at:

<http://www.archgh.org/cce-new/programs-ftcm-english.htm>

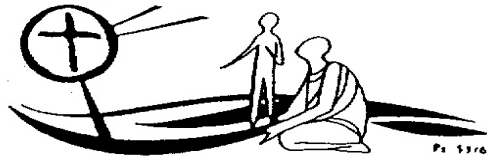
This program is also offered in Spanish. Para mayor información sobre Formación Para Ministerio Cristiano:

<http://www.archgh.org/cce-new/programas-fpmc-spanish.htm>

FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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“As sharers in the role of Christ the Priest, the Prophet, and the King, the laity have an active part to play in the life and activity of the Church.”

(Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity #10)

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple.

As a core program offered by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, FTCM provides authentic Catholic teachings taught by approved instructors with Masters or Doctoral degrees in theological disciplines.

FTCM offers the theological content courses needed for Archdiocesan certification as a catechist. FTCM is also a pre-requisite for catechetical leadership formation, youth ministry leadership formation, and diaconate formation.

WHO should take FTCM?

All Catholic Adults who

- Seek greater understanding of the Church's authentic teachings
- and —
- Are already engaged in ministry or discerning their call to ministry

WHERE is FTCM Offered?

FTCM is offered at a variety of locations throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Current semester offerings are listed in this flyer. Each center is scheduled to offer the entire 3-semester program, provided there is adequate enrollment.

The FTCM Program

FTCM is a 108-clock hour process offered over three 15-week semesters. Each session includes prayer and theological content designed for adults. In addition to classes, each semester will involve participation in a Day of Reflection designed to help integrate content into daily living.

Semester I

Ministry	6 hours
<i>What is ministry? Who is the minister?</i>	
Old Testament	12 hours
<i>Overview of the Scriptures</i>	
New Testament	12 hours
<i>Overview of the Scriptures</i>	
Day of Reflection:	
Many Members, One Body	6 hours

Semester II

Christology	6 hours
<i>Jesus of history/Christ of faith</i>	
Prayer and Spirituality	6 hours
<i>Prayer and spirituality in ministry</i>	
Church History	10 hours
<i>From the Acts of the Apostles to now</i>	
Church Doctrine	8 hours
<i>Creed, Mary, Saints, Councils</i>	
Day of Reflection:	
The Lord's Prayer	6 hours

Semester III

Sacraments and Liturgy	12 hours
<i>Celebration and meaning</i>	
Moral Teachings of the Church	12 hours
<i>Conscience formation. Magisterium</i>	
Mission and Discipleship	6 hours
<i>Living the Gospel message</i>	
Day of Reflection:	
Discipleship	6 hours

Participants may enter the program at any time, although it is preferable to start at the beginning of Semester I.

A completion ceremony, at which the Bishop presides, concludes the three-semester course of study.

How much does FTCM cost?

TUITION

- **Participant (with parish sponsorship)**
\$25.00 per semester*
- Parish/Faith Community
\$25.00 per semester
- Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
\$25.00 per semester

*an additional \$10.00 fee is required for late registration

A limited number of scholarships for need are available.

BOOKS

A Catholic Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* are required for all courses. In addition, we recommend supplemental books for some of the courses. Books may be purchased on site on the day they are needed.

<i>The Catholic Bible Personal Study Edition</i>	\$26.00
<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>	\$16.00
<i>The New Jerome Bible Handbook (OT & NT)</i>	\$ 9.00
<i>Introduction to the Bible (OT & NT)</i>	\$ 6.00
<i>Prayer (Prayer & Spirituality)</i>	\$ 6.00
<i>People of God (Church History)</i>	\$13.00
<i>Conscience in Conflict (Moral Teachings)</i>	\$14.00

How do I register for FTCM?

To register for FTCM, consult with the listing of current FTCM locations, choose a Center location, and complete the registration form attached to the current calendar. Ask your pastor or faith community leader to sign the approval and then mail the form **with your portion of the payment** to:

Office of Continuing Christian Education
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
2403 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77021

For more information please call 713 741 8730

Remember: To avoid the late fee, mail your form and payment to arrive before the deadline!

Parish Announcements

Welcome new members and visitors

Please provide address and other contact information using the forms in the lobby or by e-mailing frmilad@sbcglobal.net.

Almahaba Advertisements

Individuals and companies are encouraged to place ads in Almahaba. Please send an e-mail to almahabaolc@yahoo.com for more information.

Parish E-mail List

To receive time-sensitive and important announcements, send an email request to frmilad@sbcglobal.net.

Collections / Donations

<i>Last Sunday</i>	<i>\$2,840</i>
<i>Pledges</i>	<i>\$120</i>
<i>Lenten Dinner</i>	<i>\$415</i>

Medical Conference ***TODAY***
 After Mass, please stay and attend the medical conference on ***“Smoking Addiction and Cessation”***

Children Choir

Any child (classes 4th grade and up) who wants to be in the choir should contact Mrs. Linda Koussa or one of the priests.

Bible Study ***Mar. 16***
 Meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Knights of the Cedars ***Mar. 17***
 Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Prayer Group ***Mar. 18***
 Meeting on Thursday at 7 PM.

Catholic Education ***Mar. 20***
 CCE classes will meet Noon to 2 PM.

Stations of the Cross ***Mar. 19***
 Every Friday during Lent, the 6:30 evening Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

The Adult Education lecture will be from 12:15 to 1:45 PM. Charles Johnson will present ***“Practice Purity of Heart”*** & ***“Embrace Poverty of Spirit”*** (Chapters 33 & 34).

Annual Fish Fry ***Mar. 26***
 Our annual “Popular” Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday March 26, after the Stations of the Cross. Tickets may be purchased in the Hall after Mass.

Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are on sale in the Hall after Mass every Sunday until Palm Sunday. Special orders may also be taken with enough notice.

To all Couples ***Mark your Calendars*** ***April 9***

A “Couple’s Encounter” is being planned for the evening of Friday, April 9. There will be a short presentation of significance to married couples, with a social get-together to follow. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

For all Parish information and daily news, visit www.ourladyofthecedars.net