



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR  
**CATHOLIC FORMATION**

**MODULE FOUR** A People on Mission

**COURSE  
OVERVIEW**

This module engages participants in an exploration of what it means to be a people on mission. This will include investigating the call to evangelisation, exploring evangelisation in the context of parish and family life, as well as the role of evangelisation in the wider community. This module will also look at how we can make missionary disciples in our parishes and faith communities and present practical ways that the church calls us to go forth on mission.

**WITH GUEST PRESENTERS**



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The **Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation** exists to facilitate a **deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition**. It provides four core modules in Catholic Foundations as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats and one-off events.

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# CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS

# MODULE FOUR

## A People on Mission

### WEEK 1

#### Why Does the Church Exist?

If the Church stopped tomorrow, what difference would it make? Who would notice? What does scripture and tradition tell us about the mission of the Church? What does Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* have to say? And what is our response?

### WEEK 2

#### A Parish on Mission

What does a parish or community on mission look like? How might our communities become "completely mission-oriented" (EG 28). How do we move from self-preservation to mission? (EG 27)

### WEEK 3

#### The Bi-Product of Mission

What is the effect of the Gospel on the common good? How does Christianity change the world for good? What role does interculturality play? How does the church contribute to peace and unity in our world?

### WEEK 4

#### Mission in the Public Square

In an ever more polarised world, how might Catholics more effectively engage in the public square? How might the Church interface with politics? How might the Gospel bridge the separation of Church and State?

### WEEK 5

#### Making the Mission Personal

How do we live the mission? How does Christ's mission impact our own lives personally? How do we help others become missionary disciples? How might we implement this pathway in our own communities?

### WEEK 6

#### Family on Mission

How do we lead our own families in the mission? How might we share the stories of faith to those in our own family? What is the impact of generational culture? What are the possibilities to engage families in parishes? What does a family on mission look like?





“ I really benefited from the group discussion and I gained valuable insight through others' interpretation of the night's content.

CHRISTOPHER

“ A highlight of the course was being exposed to a whole new world of information about the Catholic faith.

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## WEEK 7

### The Mission of Mercy

The Church cares for people in the wholistic sense: as physical, emotional and spiritual beings. How does the Gospel inspire the development of hospitals and education? What effect do these organisations and institutions have on society?

## WEEK 8

### Mission Amnesia

It's not uncommon that organisations forget their founder's mission. The Church is no different. So how do we ensure the Church's mission remains the central focus? How do we protect our Church and its agencies from becoming just NGO's? What strategies and structures do we need in place to maintain faithfulness to the mission in succession planning?

## WEEK 9

### Mission Accepted

In a cultural moment that can be hostile to religion, how might we share the reason for the hope we have? How can we introduce people to Jesus? How can we pray for people? How do we share our testimony effectively and appropriately?

# WHO'S IT FOR?

**This course is designed with all baptised Catholics in mind, particularly:**

- Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others
- Those preparing for the ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist
- Those who are parish staff or volunteers who do not have any formal theological qualifications
- Those who want to share their faith with others.

**MONDAYS | 7-9PM**

**XAVIER HALL, HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY**

**WEEK 1**

**MON 22 JULY**

Why Does the Church Exist?

**WEEK 2**

**MON 29 JULY**

A Parish on Mission

**WEEK 3**

**MON 5 AUGUST**

The Bi-Product of Mission

**WEEK 4**

**MON 12 AUGUST**

Mission in the Public Square

**WEEK 5**

**MON 19 AUGUST**

Making the Mission Personal

**WEEK 6**

**MON 26 AUGUST**

Family on Mission

**WEEK 7**

**MON 2 SEPTEMBER**

The Mission of Mercy

**WEEK 8**

**MON 9 SEPTEMBER**

Mission Amnesia

**WEEK 9**

**MON 16 SEPTEMBER**

Mission Accepted



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