



“I have found each course to be thought provoking and inspiring, as the topics studied have added to my understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Tradition. Support from University of Dayton VLCCFF has been immediate and encouraging.”

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# FAITH FORMATION



**ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE**

## What is the VLCFF?

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is an Internet distance-learning program, through the University of Dayton Ohio, to support catechist and adult faith formation in the Church. The Lismore Diocese, as one of over 100 dioceses around the world and five in Australia, has partnered with the VLCFF to offer authentic, excellent quality, time convenient and cost effective courses to any parishioner within the Lismore Diocese to intensify their understanding and appreciation of the faith.

## Who is the VLCFF for?

Any parishioner, of any age, from any parish within the Lismore Diocese, is invited to enrol. People who do not belong to a parish or feel isolated, especially because of COVID-19, are also welcome to register.

## Cost

With the Lismore Diocesan partnership any parishioner can access over 100 courses. These courses are of either three or five weeks duration and cost \$US50 (approx.. \$A65).

As this is an on-line program / platform, access to a computer is a necessity. While many courses only require downloading on-line readings, some courses require the purchase of the reading.

## Timetable

During 2021 there are seven cycles of courses across the year. Some are available multiple times. See the Course Calendar for the full range of Courses.

[A copy can be downloaded from the VLCFF page on the St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website.](#)



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Virtual Learning Community  
for Faith Formation (VLCFF)  
at Dayton University,  
the Lismore Diocese now has access  
to over 100 Online Courses.**

## Process of Registering

A notification of intention to study needs to be sent to Tony Worner, the Diocesan Coordinator before creating an on-line profile with the VLCFF.

[This can be found under How to Register on the VLCFF page through the Our Faith tab of the St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website.](#)

## Topics of study include:

- Adult leadership
- Catechesis
- Catholic doctrine
- Church history
- Ecclesiology
- Leadership in ministry
- Marianist studies
- Liturgy, Sacraments, Prayer
- Morality
- Scripture
- Social justice
- Special needs
- Spirituality
- Youth ministry
- Plus more...

## 2021 Study Cycles:

- **Cycle 1: January 3 – February 6**  
Registration: Opens October 21; Closes December 30, 2020
- **Cycle 2: February 21 – March 27**  
Registration: Opens January 6; Closes February 17
- **Cycle 3: April 11 – May 1 (mostly 3 week courses)**  
Registration: Opens February 24; Closes April 7
- **Cycle 4: May 16 – June 19**  
Registration: Opens April 14; Closes May 12
- **Cycle 5: July 4 – August 7**  
Registration: Opens May 19; Closes June 30
- **Cycle 6: August 22 – September 25**  
Registration: Opens July 7; Closes August 18
- **Cycle 7: October 10 – November 13**  
Registration: Opens August 25; Closes October 6