

CATECHIST NEWS

Dear Catechists,

We hope you and your students enjoyed this Easter and Pentecost time face-to-face!

We are happy to report that over 200 Sydney parishioners have responded to join Parish Catechist teams between October 2020 and April 2021 (this is ahead of "the usual" 200-225 parishioners trained by September each year). **Why?**

1. Half of Catholic school-aged children in Australia are in public schools: Catechists want children to know God loves them so they want to be sent from Sunday Masses to deliver Catholic SRE, a ministry of God's word, to gather children in Jesus' name to pray, hear and do Good News.

2. Personal call recruitment: We recommend clergy and catechists build team cultures by making both general and, in particular, personalised calls that highlight our God-given talents, which are meant for mission, in speaking of the inspirational benefits of SRE to potential volunteers.

Parishioners more readily want to **belong** to enthusiastic catechist teams who love what they do **and also** 'let their light shine' in encouraging others who may be ready now or later to join. Thank you for all your recruiting efforts!

Discipleship Retreat Days: For you - "[Come, follow me](#)" **Discipleship Retreat Days**

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> are being provided with thanks to our Sydney Centre for Evangelisation team. See details on page 7.

Parishes For Mission Days with our Sydney Centre for Evangelisation:

For Coordinators - ask your clergy about these "Parishes for Mission Days" - we want Catechists involved in these planning days so you are supported.

News of Universities valuing SRE Community Service

An Australian Catholic University agreement has now been negotiated to enable ACU students to elect SRE for initial, short-term Community Service. We also acknowledge Notre Dame University and Campion College for their ongoing SRE involvement, along with Catholic Secondary Schools' Student Catechists.

Help from Pope Francis

In March last year, Pope Francis approved the new [Directory for Catechesis](#)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-06/vatican-publishes-new-directory-for-catechesis.html> and on 10 May recognised Catechists via his Lay Ministry of the Catechist initiative.

We will keep you informed as our Bishops consult to discern this development. A summary of this development appears online: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/papal-boost-for-catechists/>

May God bless your wonderful outreach in schools this year.

From your CCD Parish Catechist Support Team

IN THIS ISSUE

Meet the CCD Team	2
Coordinator Reminders	3
COLAL/Book Orders	4
Youth Ministry	5
Faith Formation Series	6
Discipleship Retreat Days	7
Catechist Training	8-10
CCRESS	11
Vale Sr Carmel Clancy	12
High School News	13
CCD Event News	14-16
Course Outline	17
Contact Us	18



*CCD NEWSLETTER INFORMATION/LINKS ARE FOR CATECHIST PERSONAL USE ONLY



Supporting
Parish Catechists



CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE
OF SYDNEY

Meet the CCD Team

Meet the great people that work at CCD Sydney.

Each month we will feature one of our staff members in this newsletter.

This month we meet Anita Lee - Faith Education Officer for the Northern Region.

Anita commenced working at the CCD in April 2017 and provides support to 30 parishes, from Auburn, Berala, Drummoyne, Leichhardt, to Ryde, Mosman and North Sydney! Lets meet Anita:

In my spare time I enjoy gardening i.e. chopping/pruning trees and pulling out weeds.

My coffee order is an extra large, extra creamy, not too hot Latte.

My ideal travel destination is anywhere new with lots of attractions and good cafes.

The best gift you could give me is time to talk and listen to my dramas.

Three saints I would invite to dinner are Saint Monica, Padre Pio and Pope Paul VI.

My favourite lesson to teach in COLAL is any parable stories.

My favourite Bible verse is John 15:1-17 The Vine and the Branches.



Anita and the CCD staff after the 2018 Annual Catechist Mass

Catechist Coordinator Reminders

Upcoming Key Dates

**RSVP IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL
TRAINING COURSES, MEETINGS AND MASSES
IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH
NSW GOVT HEALTH GUIDELINES**

Coordinator Meetings 10.00am to 12.30pm

Western Area:

Friday 25 June 2021

All Saints Parish, Liverpool - Loreto Place, entry opposite side of Church.

Southern Area Coordinator Meeting:

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR BRIGHTON MEETING)

Wednesday 30 June 2021 at St Thomas More Parish, Brighton

OR

Thursday 8 July at CCD Office at Miranda.

Central Area:

Tuesday 6 July 2021

Holy Innocents Parish, Croydon.

Eastern/Northern Area:

Monday 5 July 2021

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney.

Central Area Catechist Mass: Friday, 30 July 2021 at 11.00am

St Paul of the Cross

532 New Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill

RSVP: suzanne.miceli@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Annual Catechist Mass: Sunday 19 September 2021.

St Mary's Cathedral College

Further details to be advised.

Christ Our Light and Life SRE Curriculum

Using the Teachers Manual – where Student Activity Book work fits in

Given SRE observations and training reviews (especially with regards to Kinder-Year 2, whilst noting how much this age-group tends to like ‘colouring-in’ activities):

In training new and updating existing Catechists, we are trying to move away from too much time being spent on Activity Book work.

The reason being, students remember God more so through the kindness of their Catechist, engaging storytelling and fun ‘up & doing’ activities, rather than bookwork (we don’t tend to recall much of the bookwork we did in school, as important as this was for reinforcement of learning, whilst we do remember our really good teachers).

Therefore, in trying to address the time spent on bookwork, we have coloured most of each K-Yr 2 Activity Book page to help Catechists use the Teacher’s Manual lesson plans and, for the 3-5min Activity Book step, to help students focus on the main point of each lesson.

Thus, we hope to re-emphasise (a) gathering for prayer and (b) handing on the Gospel, given our brains are ‘hardwired’ to remember people and stories.

We are recommending dividing up time around prayer, storytelling and a doing activity, e.g. like this for K-2:

- o Welcoming and settling to watch/help set up the Prayer Place
- o Praying in our own words (not only reading prayers)
- o Telling part of the greatest true story ever told
- o ‘I wonder’ questioning / fun doing activity / guided meditative-style prayer
- o Going back to seats for a few minutes of Activity Book work
- o ‘To Remember’ / To Do this week and ending on a high note (action song/prayer)

For all book orders and merchandise queries contact:

books@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Phone queries to:

Priscilla on 9307 8340

ccd.sydneycatholic.org

www.mustardseed.org.au



THE MUSTARD SEED
BOOKSHOP

"It's more than just teaching, it's a ministry."

Do you want to learn the art of Youth Ministry and incorporate your new skills in the classroom?

The Sydney Catholic Youth office will be conducting a Youth Ministry workshop for all our High School Catechists and those who have a desire to teach High School students.

Learn the skills of engaging young people in ministry and effectively sharing your personal testimony.

Next workshop will be held on:

Friday 12 July 2021

Friday 24 September 2021

Come and join us and equip yourself for the new year.

For further details and bookings email:
Vincent.Haber@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au



FEAST DAYS

11 June

The Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus

12 June

Immaculate Heart
of Mary

21 June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

22 June

St Thomas More

24 June

The Nativity of St John the
Baptist

29 June

St Peter & St Paul
Apostles

3 July

St Thomas
Apostle

16 July

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

22 July

St Mary Magdalene

26 July

Sts Joachim & Anne

29 July

St Martha

CCD Faith Formation Series via Zoom



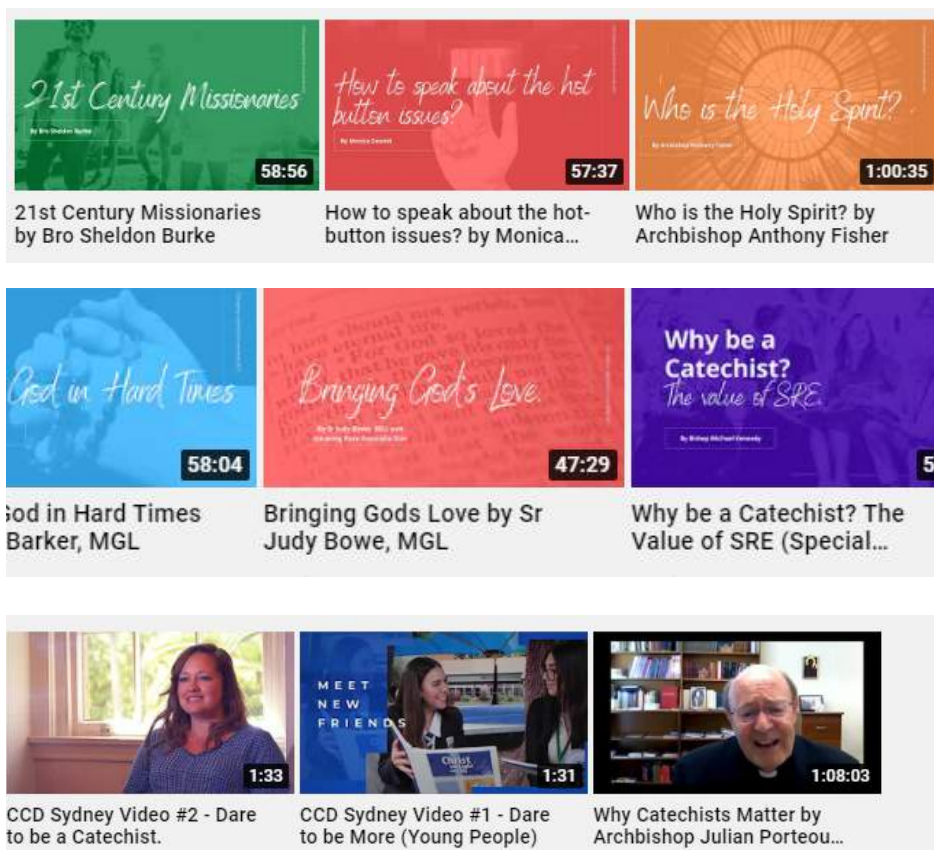
FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

10.30AM - 11.30AM

RSVP IS ESSENTIAL
BY EMAILING
ANITA LEE:

anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Have you watched our latest faith formation sessions ?



Search on
Youtube:
CCD Sydney

25 Videos are
available on
various
different
topics
You can also
click on the
images.

COME, FOLLOW ME



*Discipleship Retreat Days with
the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia*

**Sunday
13th June**

*St Mary's
Cathedral, Sydney*

**Saturday
26th June**

*Regina Coeli,
Beverly Hills*

**Saturday
17th July**

*Our Lady of the
Rosary, Fairfield*

*All welcome!
\$10 per person
Light lunch included.*

SYDNEY III CENTRE
for
EVANGELISATION

Registration essential at
www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/



What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are working with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to offer three one-day retreats. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple.

The talks include: Making the most out of Mass, Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus, Breaking open Scripture, and A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession.

Date and locations:

26th June at Regina Coeli Parish in Beverly Hills, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm
17th July at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Fairfield, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Registration essential at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

**COST: \$10 PER PERSON, WITH LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED.
ALL WELCOME!**

Course Training Dates

SRE TRAINING

1.1 - The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School and SRE Safeguarding

Tuesday 13 July	City
Friday 15 October	City

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING WEBINAR

Catechists that completed safeguarding in 2017 are now due for the refresher training. See dates below.

Monday 21 June	9.45am-11am	WEBINAR via Zoom
Monday 30 August	9.45am-11am	WEBINAR via Zoom
Tuesday 12 October	9.45am-11am	WEBINAR via Zoom
Thursday 25 November	9.45am-11am	WEBINAR via Zoom

1.2 - Using The Authorised Curriculum

Tuesday 20 July	City
Friday 22 October	City

1.3 - Classroom Management

Tuesday 27 July	City
Friday 29 October	City

1.4 - Classroom Management - Insights & Upskilling (new/updated course)

Wednesday 30 June	Croydon
Monday 2 August	Peakhurst
Monday 2 August	Moorebank
Tuesday 3 August	City
Monday 23 August	Bass Hill
Friday 5 November	City

1.5 - Classroom Skills and Resources (new/updated course)

Wednesday 7 July	Croydon
Monday 9 August	Peakhurst
Monday 9 August	Moorebank
Tuesday 10 August	City
Monday 30 August	Bass Hill
Friday 12 November	City

Please contact your FEO if you have any questions about the training dates or to arrange future training options.



All courses commence at 9.45am and conclude at 2.15pm - unless specified

Bookings are essential due to capacity restrictions

Course Training Dates

SRE TRAINING

TRAINING LOCATIONS:

- Bass Hill:** Christ the King Parish, 589 Hume Highway, Yagoona
- Brighton:** St Thomas More Parish Hall, 298 Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands
- Croydon:** Holy Innocents Parish, Entrance via Cheltenham St, Croydon
- City:** Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
- Dulwich Hill:** St Paul of the Cross, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill
- Five Dock:** All Hallows Parish, 2 Halley Street, FiveDock
- Lidcombe:** St Joachim's Parish Hall, 31-33 John Street, Lidcombe
- Miranda:** CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
- Moorebank:** St Joseph's Parish Hall, 231 Newbridge Rd, Moorebank
- Peakhurst:** Our Lady of Fatima, Parish Meeting Room, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst
- Revesby:** St Luke the Evangelist Parish, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby
- Randwick:** The Parish & National Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
193 Avoca St, Randwick
- Ryde:** St Charles Borromeo Parish, 582 Victoria Rd, Ryde
- Summer Hill:** St Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill



All courses commence at 9.45am and conclude at 2.15pm - unless specified



Bookings are essential due to capacity restrictions



Course Training Dates

SRE TRAINING

Level 2 - Understanding the Learner/How to Get the Message Across Age-Appropriately

(Open to those who have completed Level 1)

Note: this series of Level 2 will be held during school holidays

2.1	Monday 28 June	City
2.2	Wednesday 30 June	City
2.3	Friday 2 July	City
2.4	Tuesday 6 July	City
2.5	Thursday 8 July	City

2.1	Monday 12 July	Dulwich Hill
2.2	Monday 19 July	Dulwich Hill
2.3	Monday 26 July	Dulwich Hill
2.4	Monday 2 August	Dulwich Hill
2.5	Monday 9 August	Dulwich Hill

2.1	Thursday 22 July	Miranda
2.2	Thursday 29 July	Miranda
2.3	Thursday 5 August	Miranda
2.4	Thursday 12 August	Miranda
2.5	Thursday 19 August	Miranda

2.1	Monday 8 November	9.45am-1.00pm WEBINAR via Zoom
2.2	Monday 15 November	
2.3	Monday 22 November	
2.4	Monday 29 November	
2.5	Monday 6 December	

Level 3 - Holy Spirit Gathering a People for God

3.1	Friday 23 July	City
3.2	Friday 30 July	City
3.3	Friday 6 August	City
3.4	Friday 13 August	City
3.5	Friday 20 August	City

RSVP is essential for all training sessions as Covid-19 restrictions apply.

**Bookings: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au
OR Phone: 9307 8330**

Remember to include: your full name, email address, contact phone number (preferably mobile number), home address (to send out booklets for Webinars via Zoom), Parish name, date and time of training.



Bookings are essential due to capacity restrictions

Email: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au
OR
Phone: 9307 8330



NSW and ACT Catholic SRE representatives gathered in Sydney mid-May for the biannual CCRESS Conference.

These conferences help us to work together and provide updates and strategic advice to our Bishops.

NSW, ACT and National updates were considered, along with insights into trends and emerging opportunities, and we were grateful to our NSW-ACT SRE liaison Bishop, Most Rev Brian Mascord (Wollongong), who was able to be present.

Jesus' words provided the theme of the conference: 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them' - given 50% of Catholic students are in Government schools, SRE exists to respect parental choice.



NSW-ACT Catholic SRE representatives meeting at Cathedral House: Front row from left, Anita Lee, Maree Collis (Parramatta), Jacinta Thatcher (Bathurst), Vicki Mair (Bathurst), Verna Wing, Suzanne Miceli, Alison Newell (Broken Bay), Jenny Hildebrandt (CCRESS Project Officer), Anna O'Dwyer (Lismore), Therese Newell (Wilcannia Forbes), Michael Tebbutt (Broken Bay), Natasha Brotherton (Maitland-Newcastle), Wendy Hord (Parramatta), Laura Avery (NCEC) and Cecilia Zammit (Parramatta). Back row from left; Trevor Dal Broi (Wagga Wagga), Peter Gilmore (Wollongong), John Donnelly (Broken Bay), Christian Nobleza (Canberra), Doug Mawhinney, Jude Hennessey (Wollongong).

Vale Sr Carmel Clancy

CARMEL'S MINISTRY

Carmel's Ministry with the Presentation Sisters enriched many people's lives—students, staff, and families. She was a very skilled and much loved secondary school teacher and began this ministry at Domremy College in Five Dock, Sydney, in 1963. After three years at Domremy, Carmel was transferred to Mt Erin High School, Wagga Wagga. In 1972 Carmel pursued further study at Macquarie University in Sydney. Fresh from her studies in 1974, she had more teaching opportunities at Sutherland, Mt Erin, and Domremy College until 1985, when she had a sea change.

In 1986 she moved into the area of catechetics in Public Schools and continued for several years in this apostolate in the Drummoyne area in Sydney. From 1993 to 1999, she also became involved in the administration of the CCD office.

Finally, in 2012 when Carmel's health deteriorated, she moved to Wagga Wagga. She continued to reach out to people in need through her contacts with ex-students, the Bridge Club, Erin Earth, helping with children's homework and making a response to current justice issues.

For the last two years, she was a very significant person in the Forrest Centre where, though seriously ill herself, she brought life and energy to the other residents and staff.

Carmel lived life to its fullest.

May she now rest in peace.

*Sister Carmel Ann
Clancy pbvm*



*Born 19th June 1942
Professed 14th January 1963
Entered Eternal Life 19th March 2021*

Sr Carmel's work history at CCD
Sydney.

January 1986 - April 1998

1968-1992
CCD Parish Ministry to
Catechists

January - June 1993
Projects Officer

July 1993 - June 1994
Professional Assistant to the
Director

July 1994 - April 1996
Personnel Manager

May 1996 - October 1996
Acting Director

November 1996 - April 1998
Assistant Director

High School News

Six More Public High Schools Welcomes Catholic Scripture for 2021

Catholic Scripture is now present in six more high schools this 2021. This includes: Moorebank High School, Fairfield High School, Cabramatta High School, Canley Vale High School, Westfield Sports High and Blakehurst High School.

CCD Sydney approached local public high schools with a format that is attractive to the schools, which is a Seminar Style format. Moving forward, we hope to go into more High Schools by the end of 2021.

We are currently looking for more High School Catechists to join the mission for ALL regions this 2021.

Thanking you in advance.

**Contact us at CCD Sydney or email:
Vincent.haber@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au**



Congratulations Vincent & Joelle



We would like to congratulate our Faith Education Officer, Vincent Haber and his beautiful wife Joelle, for their union in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony which was held on Friday, 21 May 2021 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Hoxton Park.

We wish them the very best in their marriage and pray that God will be at the centre of their married life.

God bless!



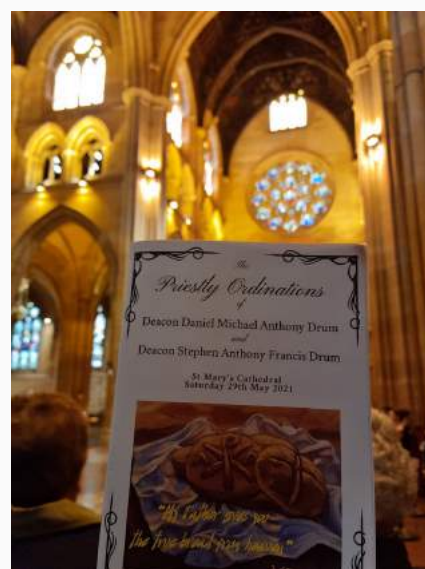
Photo Gallery



Congratulations to Myrna de la Pena (Belmore Catechist Coordinator) who recently celebrated her 70th Birthday.
Pictured above is Myrna with Suzanne Miceli and catechists from Belmore Parish.



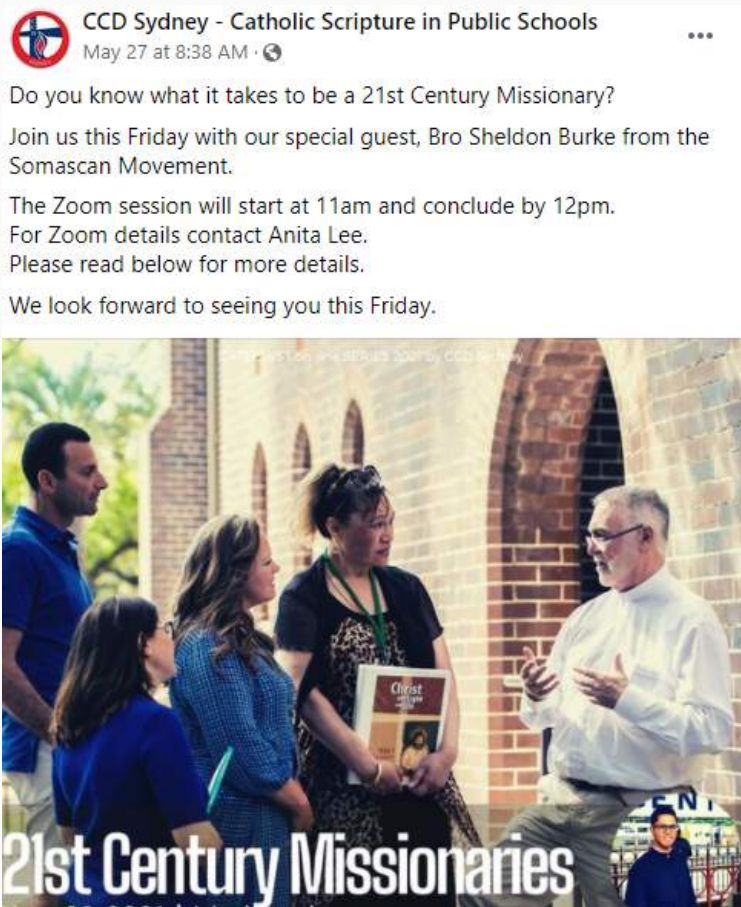
Suzanne Miceli and Richard Korkor teaching actions to song by Andrew Chin: Arky, Arky (song about Noah's Ark)



Extraordinaire Catechist Merryl Foster from Ryde Parish with FEO Anita Lee at the ordinations of Deacon Daniel Drum and Deacon Stephen Drum on Saturday 29 May 2021, held at St Mary's Cathedral.

CCD is always looking for more photos to add in our newsletter - if you have something special to share contact us at CCD Sydney or email laura.argiro@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Photo Gallery - as seen on Facebook



TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

Level 1 – SRE Induction Training

1.1 The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School, and SRE Safeguarding	+	1.2 Using the Authorised Curriculum	+	1.3 Classroom Management	+	1.4 Classroom Management - Insights & Upskilling	+	1.5 Classroom Skills and Resources	=	Completion of Level 1
*Must be completed before entering a classroom.		*Must be completed before teaching a class.				** to be completed after one term of teaching SRE		** to be completed after one term of teaching SRE		• Within your first year of service as a SRE Teacher (Catechist)

Level 2 – Understanding the Learner / How to Get the Message Across Age-Appropriately

2.1 How children learn. The Old Testament: (What we believe and how to teach about God, Creation and Old Testament stories)	+	2.2 The Stage 1 child. The New Testament: (What we believe and how to teach about Jesus)	+	2.3 The Stage 2 child. The Story of the Faith Community: (What we believe and how to teach about the Commandments and Moses)	+	2.4 The Stage 3 child. The Story of the Church Community: (What we believe and how to teach about the Beatitudes and Mary)	+	2.5 Moral Development The Sacraments (How we teach about sacraments, especially the Mass)	=	Completion of Level 2
--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	-----------------------

Level 3 – Holy Spirit Gathering a People for God

3.1 Pentecost to the Council of Nicaea; what we believe and how we teach about Pentecost and the Early Church community.	+	3.2 Charlemagne to the Crusades; the Eastern Church and the Western Church; The Liturgical Year.	+	3.3 The Inquisition to the Reformation; Holiness and Sainthood.	+	3.4 From Europe to the 'ends of the earth' – The Catholic Church in Australia.	+	3.5 Vatican II; The Human Person; Christian Ethics.	=	Completion of Level 3
---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	--	---	-----------------------

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

Two years' experience as a Catechist



Contact Us

For all general enquiries, please contact the CCD office on 9307 8330. If the office is unattended, kindly leave a message and your call will be attended to as soon as practical. Alternatively, your Faith Education Officer can be contacted via email as listed below.

CCD TEAM AND CONTACT DETAILS

CCD DIRECTOR: Doug Mawhinney

Email: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

CCD OFFICE/ADMINISTRATION: Laura Argiro Mon/Tue/Wed

Verna Wing Wed/Thur/Fri

Email: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

FAITH EDUCATION OFFICERS (FEOs)

CENTRAL AREA: Suzanne Miceli

Email: suzanne.miceli@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

EASTERN AREA: Robert Milan

Email: robert.milan@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

NORTHERN AREA: Anita Lee

Email: anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

SOUTHERN AREA:

Denise Humphreys denise.humphreys@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Josie D'acciaro josie@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Christine Zakaria christine@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

WESTERN AREA:

Teresa Culjak teresa.culjak@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Vincent Haber vincent.haber@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Follow
Us!



ccd_sydney

Like Us!



**CCD Sydney -
Catholic Scripture
in Public Schools**

Level 6, Polding Centre,
133 Liverpool Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Phone: 9307 8330

Website: ccd.sydneycatholic.org