

University of St. Francis, College of Education Regional Education Academy for Leadership (REAL) in partnership with the Diocese of Joliet, Catholic Schools Office Proudly Present

**REAL 694A: Topics: Teaching Religion
Or
REAL 694B: Topics: Teaching Scripture**

Instructor:	Dr. Madonna Murphy
Class meeting dates and times:	Three Time Options are Available 1. January 13th through April 28, 2010 Wednesdays, 4:00-6:30 pm 2. June 14th-18th, 2010, 8:30 am-3:00 pm 3. July 27th –July 30, 2010, 8:30 am-3:00 pm
Location:	Room LG-5 in the library, USF Main Campus Or at your school site

**N.B. Course can meet at a school site if there are 12 teachers enrolled from that site.
Other times/dates can be also be arranged for a cohort group at a school site.**

Course Description: The course focuses on teaching the Faith Curriculum of the Diocese of Joliet following the “Knowing, Doing, and Being” paradigm. Content will be addressed (Knowing); teachers will have the opportunity to teach classes or conduct prayer services (Doing), and will have the opportunity to participate themselves in Masses and a day of reflection (Being). This course can be applied toward Joliet Diocese Catechist Certification.

THE COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR 3 HOURS OF GRADUATE CREDIT FROM USF OR FOR 30 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS: YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER WITH ANN BELL at 815-740-3699 or abell@stfrancis.edu **no later** than January 12, 2010. Graduate credit is \$200 per credit hour or \$600.00 for the 3 hour course payable by personal check made out to the University of St. Francis no later than the beginning of the first class session. Charge for CPDU credits is \$50 per credit hour. For more information on the course contact Madonna Murphy at the College of Education mmurphy@stfrancis.edu or (815) 740-3212.

Testimonials from Teachers who took the class

“I took this class hoping to learn a few techniques to help me teach Jr. High religion. I have added several new and wonderful teaching techniques, and gained a whole lot more as well. My own catechetical foundation is much stronger, and as a result, I have become a more confident religion teacher as well.” 8th grade teacher, Holy Family

I am a product of thirteen years of Catholic education but it always seemed odd to me that education majors take methods courses in all the different subject areas in college, but when one is hired to work in a Catholic school, a similar course in teaching religion is not offered. This allowed us the opportunity to review the essential doctrine of our Catholic faith so that we are able to go forward and instruct our students. 3rd grade teacher, Sts Peter & Paul School

This course and the insight is one that is very helpful and enjoyable. As demonstrated in discussion and through activity - the faith should be fun. I truly find this class a joy to attend.” 7-8th grade teacher, St. Joseph’s School

“As a cradle Catholic, I thought I knew quite a bit about the Church and its teachings. This class has taught me so much more. I have already applied much of what I’ve learned to my own lessons.” 2nd grade teacher, Holy Family