



**INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES**  
**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

**Aspirancy Formation Calendar 2011-2012**

Yellow Highlighted (Wives obligated to attend)

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|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Sunday    | August 28       | Mass of the Holy Spirit/Orientation   |
| Wednesday | September 7     | Introduction to Christian Spirituality  |
| Thursday  | September 15    | Mentor Group ( <i>meets monthly</i> )   |
| Saturday  | September 24    | Family Issues/Marriage/Celibacy   |
| Saturday  | October 1       | (wives only) <i>Women of Witness</i>  |
| Wednesday | October 5       | <i>Lectio Divina</i>  |
| Saturday  | October 15      | History, Theology & Spirituality of Diaconate                                 |
| Wednesday | November 9      | Monastics and Mystics   |
| Saturday  | November 12     | Ecumenism   |
| Wednesday | December 7      | Spirituality of the Early Church  |
| Saturday  | December 10     | Theological Reflection I  |
| Saturday  | January 7       | Overview to Theology I<br>( <i>Liturgy, Church History, Special Moral I</i> ) |
| Wednesday | January 11      | Marriage Inventory  |
| Saturday  | January 21      | Overview to Theology II<br>( <i>Scripture, Christology, Ecclesiology</i> )    |
| Wednesday | February 8      | Presiding at Rites & Rituals I  |
| Saturday  | February 11     | Homiletics I  |
| Wednesday | March 7 - May 9 | Catechism (10-week course )<br>( <i>consecutive Wednesdays to May 9</i> )     |
| Saturday  | March 10        | Introduction to Biblical Studies  |
| Saturday  | March 24        | Ministry of Care I  |
| Saturday  | March 24        | (wives only) <i>Women of Witness</i>  |
| Saturday  | April 21        | Ministry of Care II   |
| Saturday  | May 5           | Catholic Social Teaching  |
| Wednesday | May 16          | Liturgy of the Hours  |
| Saturday  | May 19          | Mass of Explanation   |
| Saturday  | June 2          | Integrating Seminar   |
| RETREAT   | June 8-10       | Aspirancy Retreat   |
| Monday    | June 11         | Catholicism 101   |
| Wednesday | June 13         | Readiness Assessment  |
| Saturday  | June 16         | Admission & Scrutinies Board  |



Summer Field Education - Ministry to Charity