

# GRECO INSTITUTE

## Greco's Mission

Greco Institute is a center for adult education. As an agency for the Diocese of Shreveport, Greco Institute receives its mission from the bishop, cooperates with all other agencies and coordinates all diocesan level adult education. Greco Institute provides a variety of programs throughout the diocese that foster among the Catholic faithful a comprehensive and integrated understanding of their faith that relates to their daily lives. Greco Institute also provides programs to develop the knowledge and skills needed to effectively respond to the needs of our church and our society.

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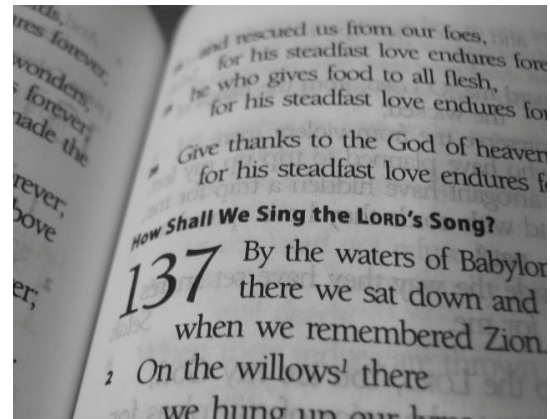
## "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming"

Our new Master Lector Class to be offered in the Southern Deanery!

This course is for all lectors, deacons, ministers of Children's Liturgy of the Word, R.C.I.A. ministers, and anyone who proclaims Scripture. This course meets the requirements for specialization in liturgical ministry. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will receive a certificate as a Diocesan Lector.

This course will focus on the practical skills of proclamation, as well as on the Liturgy, the Liturgical Year, the Lectionary, Rites, Liturgical Ministry and Spirituality. Significant class time will be devoted to practicing and honing proclamation skills. This course will be repeated in the Southern Deanery later in 2010.

This class is eight weeks on Monday evenings at Our Lady of Fatima in Monroe from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, beginning January 15 through March 17. The instructor is Dianne Rachal, M.A., Director of the Office of Worship. There is no charge for this class. Participants do pay for text books. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Contact Greco Institute: (318) 868-4441 or 1-800-256-1542, email: [gbroussard@dioshpt.org](mailto:gbroussard@dioshpt.org)



## Spring 2010 Courses

*F* - Foundations course (required for catechist and liturgical certification)

Location	Course Title	Instructor	Day	Dates	Time
<b>Bossier City</b>					
St. Jude	<i>F</i> Sacraments	Thomas	TU	1/19 - 3/16	6:30 - 8:30 pm
<b>Hodge</b>					
St. Lucy	Catechisms are for Thinking Not Memorizing	Vassallo		2/17, 2/18, 2/24, 2/25	6:30 - 8:30 pm
<b>Homer</b>					
David Wade Correctional	Old Testament	Wilson	W	TBA	5:00 - 6:10 pm
<b>Monroe</b>					
Our Lady of Fatima	Master Lector	Rachal	TH	1/21 - 3/18	6:30 - 8:30 pm
<b>Rayville</b>					
Sacred Heart	Revelations	Madden	TU	1/19 - 3/16	6:30 - 8:30 pm
<b>Shreveport</b>					
Catholic Center	Gospel of Luke (extended)	Madden	TH	1/14 - 4/22	9:30 - 11:30 am
St. Catherine of Siena	<i>F</i> Sacraments	Broussard	TH	1/21 - 3/18	6:00 - 8:00 pm
St. John Berchmans	When the Pope Speaks to the World	Guerin	W	1/20 - 2/17	6:30 - 8:30 pm
St. Joseph	<i>F</i> Church History	Van Vranken	W	1/20 - 3/24	6:30 - 8:30 pm
<b>Stonewall</b>					
St. Ann	Revelations	Madden	TH	9/13 - 12/20	10:15 - 11:15 am

### CATECHISMS ARE FOR THINKING NOT MEMORIZING

Using the Adult Catechism for Adults, students will explore: The Four Pillars of Faith, The Creed, Sacraments, Christian Morality and Prayer. For four evenings, participants will actively take part in learning the overall content of the Catechism and how to use it as a resource tool in exploring other church documents.

**F CHURCH HISTORY** This Church History course provides an historical survey of the Catholic Church from the Apostolic Era to the present. It focuses on how the characteristics of the times continue to influence the history and theology of the Church. The course includes several strands of development, such as liturgy, creedal matters, organization and structure, and politics and church/state matters. This course is required for catechists and liturgical ministers who wish to be certified.

**GOSPEL OF LUKE** This course will examine the formation, structure, theology, purpose and enduring value of the third Gospel of the New Testament, Luke. Luke's view presents Jesus as the reconciling Son of God whose prophetic life and saving death bring healing to all humanity especially the poor and lowly. Luke's witness to Jesus Christ speaks deeply to the hearts and lives of the faithful today.

**MASTER LECTOR COURSE: STOP READING AND START PROCLAIMING** A practical course for lectors. (details on previous page)

**OLD TESTAMENT** This course will be introduction to the Old Testament. We will begin with an exploration of the context in which the Old Testament was written and the scholarly tools by means of which we are able to understand the texts as they were intended by the writers of the OT. We will then cover the three major divisions of the OT: the Pentateuch, the Prophets and the Writings while giving a basic introduction to each one of the books in the OT.

**REVELATIONS** This course will introduce the students to the history, worldview, and theology of apocalyptic literature in general and, specifically, to the late first century New Testament apocalyptic writing known as the Book of Revelation. The Book of Revelation is highly controversial, profoundly mysterious, frequently misunderstood, yet always intriguing. As informed and committed Catholics, we need to know what all the commotion is about and what role the Book of Revelation has in the life of the Church and the world today.

**F SACRAMENTS** This course explores the importance, history, and expression of the seven sacraments in symbol and theology. It also examines how sacraments continue to teach the ministry of Jesus and meet basic human needs. This course is required for catechists and liturgical ministers who wish to be certified.

**WHEN THE POPE SPEAKS TO THE WORLD LITE** Benedict XVI has recently added his contribution to the series of papal letters on social justice. We will read and discuss his letter after we look--lightly--at how the series developed under the guidance of several of Benedict's predecessors.