

Adult Faith Formation Classes – Becoming a Credible Witness

“What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end.” *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI, October 11, 2011.

Credible Witness 1	Credible Witness 4	Credible Witness 5
<p>Beginning Apologetics Have you ever tried to defend your Catholic faith but could not offer a satisfactory explanation? How do you answer the charges that Catholic beliefs are not Biblical? Wouldn't it be great if you had the background and tools to answer many of the questions and objections raised by non-Catholic Christians? This program is for those who want to deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith, and be better equipped to address the questions many non-Catholics ask of us.</p>	<p>God's Plan of Salvation – Part 1 Have you ever examined the golden thread that ties the Biblical narrative together, from the Old Testament right on through the New Testament? This unifying principle is called the covenant, and it is extremely important to understand the nature of a covenant in order to understand the story that the Bible tells. You will learn the different important aspects of a covenant and about oath-swearing, which is the means by which one enters into and renews the covenant. These lessons will help you interpret Scripture not as a 21st century American, but as an ancient Israelite with a covenantal, Hebrew worldview.</p>	<p>God's Plan of Salvation – Part 2 This program picks up the journey with how the Israelites become a holy Covenant nation called by God. You will learn how God entered into the Davidic Covenant with King David, and see how this covenant looks forward to, and is fulfilled, in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ.</p>

In the end, the goal is for all participants to become *Credible Witnesses* for the Lord.

Credible Witness 1 – 6 weeks

Tuesday evenings, from 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM, beginning October 10, school library

Credible Witness 4 – 6 weeks

Wednesday evenings, from 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM, beginning September 27, The Cathedral Center

Credible Witness 5 – Extended class

Monday evenings, from 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM, beginning September 25, The Cathedral Center

Resources

1. Catholic Bible
 - a. New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE), **OR**
 - b. New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition
 (Be sure you bring a Bible you feel comfortable in highlighting and writing)
2. Highlighters and sticky notes.
3. 1 - 1 ½ inch binder for your notes.