

## 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 2	Credible Witness 4	Credible Witness 6
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ite Missa Est</b></p> <p>Have you ever wondered about the meaning and history of what we as Catholics do each Sunday at Mass? Wouldn't it be nice if you could slow the Mass down so you could focus on all the various parts and realize their significance? This program will take you step-by-step through all the parts of the Mass, and add insight and understanding to your celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>God's Plan of Salvation – Part 1</b></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><b>God's Plan of Salvation – Part 3</b></p> <p>With this lesson we reach the summit of the Old Testament, God's promise of an everlasting Kingdom to David. We pick up the story with Joshua, Moses' hand-picked successor. The plan of the conquest of Canaan and the promise of possessing the “Promised Land” can be seen as typological images of God's mission to offer the gift of salvation to the world. In this series, we will finish reading the Old Testament, from Joshua to Malachi, and see how it prepares us for the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham for the coming of the Messiah.</p>

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

### Credible Witness 2 – 5/6 weeks

Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, beginning September 25, The Cathedral Center, St. Raphael Room.

### Credible Witness 4 – 4/5 weeks

Wednesday evenings, from, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM beginning September 19, The Cathedral Center, St. Raphael Room.

### Credible Witness 5 – 4/5 weeks

Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, beginning October 24 (after Credible Witness 4), The Cathedral Center, St Raphael Room

### Credible Witness 6 – Extended Class

Monday evenings, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, beginning September 24, The Cathedral Center, St. Gabriel Room.

### Resources

1. Catholic Bible
  - a. New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE), **OR**
  - b. New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition
2. Highlighters and sticky notes.
3. 1 inch binder for your notes.

Sign up now by calling Jenny Vincent at 575-4741, or [jvincent@olvcathedral.org](mailto:jvincent@olvcathedral.org)  
Sign-up sheets will be available next week.

*(Be sure you bring a Bible you feel comfortable in highlighting and writing)*