

Module 2: Christianity and Social Concern

Aim: To assist one another in linking faith and justice through an understanding and knowledge of society and the social teachings of the Church.

Content: Understanding my own Faith journey; Looking at the wider world; Justice/injustice; Understanding: Perspective /Bias/ Stance i.e. how I see things; How to do Social Analysis; Ecumenical Social Teachings.



Module 3: The Word of God in Scripture, Life and Community

Aim: To link reality as we perceive it, the community in which we live and our faith story, both in the Bible and in our own lives.

Content: Understanding beliefs and values; Linking scripture to life experience; Images of God; Introducing Old Testament/New Testament Theme of liberation, Exodus, Prophecy of Kingdom: Church/Kingdom.



Module 4: Ignatian Prayer/Discernment/Action

Aim: To enable participants to explore pastoral methods for building the Kingdom of God today.

Content: Looking at Ignatian Spirituality; Power and Powerlessness, Exercising power; Experiences of prayer; Freedom to act; Working together for the Kingdom of God.

About the Craighead Institute

The Institute is a Scottish-based ecumenical Institute of Life and Faith involved in Consultancy, Research and Training in a global context.

Staff work systemically with specific emphasis on work which engages with faith, values and beliefs in society. In doing so the Institute works with individuals, groups and organisations to transform oppressive and outdated structures into living and sustainable systems, contributing to a greater fullness of life.

The Craighead Institute is carrying out work in the global context that includes:

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Integrating Life and Faith

A Course Accredited by
The Craighead Institute



Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service

‘committed to encouraging
‘fullness of life.’

This course explores the role of Christians as citizens in society and the way in which, inspired by the Gospel and Ignatian spirituality, they can make a difference.

The Course has been run in Shrewsbury Diocese twice and has been appreciated by those who participated in it, as these comments testify:-

“A most thought-provoking and challenging course. Sharing the journey with others who were like-minded but coming from quite different places, enriched the content which was delivered in a professional and non-threatening way by the Craighead team. The course has helped me to appreciate more deeply the importance of Gospel values and our Christian tradition for today’s world and has given me a heightened awareness of my own responsibility as a Catholic Christian.”

“I started this course at a time when I was searching and seeking for a more spiritual dimension on life. Looking back after the course I can see it was for the “inner freedom” – the freedom from and for. Have I found it? Well I hope I have started that journey.”

“There is neither enough time nor space to articulate all that I have learned from the course. Suffice to say that it has been life- changing.”

“The unique benefit of this course has been the opportunities to integrate different aspects of my secular and spiritual life.”

“I have a profound sense that this course may well prove to be the leaven in the dough - it will go on working in me long into the future.”



How long is the course?

The course takes place over about five months and comprises four non-residential weekend modules. In addition, participants are also expected to attend three short base-group meetings between Modules 1 and 2, Modules 2 and 3, and Modules 3 and 4 - a total of nine meetings in all. Further details of the Modules are given below.

Who will deliver the course?

Shrewsbury Diocese now has a team of people accredited by the Craighead Institute to run the course. Mary Kilcoyne, an Associate Member of the Craighead Institute, will be the course director and she will be assisted by Joan Sharples and Trish Chrisp.

Where will the course take place?

In the Birkenhead area.

When will it run?

On four weekends in 2010: 23/24 January, 20/21 March, 8/9 May, 27/28 June

What does it cost?

The cost will be £300.00 per person

Who might benefit from this Course?

Disciples wanting to reflect on their faith/daily-living balance and integration and to respond accordingly. Previous participants have included: pastoral team leaders and members, justice and peace group members, catechists, adult educators, parish ministers, interested parishioners, spiritual directors, school teachers, departmental heads, school chaplains, pastoral workers and those in the caring profession.



The course will be of particular interest to those in leadership roles in parishes and elsewhere and those who may be interested in taking up leadership roles.

It provides an opportunity to meet in a safe environment with other committed people engaged in a journey to a deeper, more meaningful and relevant faith which expresses itself as part of the Church’s mission to the world.

Participants will be encouraged to discover more energising and empowering ways of working through an experiential approach aimed at integrating life and faith. There are no ‘essays’. Participants will be asked to reflect on their own learning. (two sides of A4 reflection / personal learning is all that is required).



The Four Modules in Detail

Module 1: Trust Building and Communication Skills

Aim: To develop interpersonal skills in listening, interaction in groups and facilitation

Content:

The Path of discernment; The principle and foundation of God’s love; Trust Building; Listening and Communication Skills; Understanding group dynamics; Facilitating a group; Keeping to task; Learning how to keep a log book; Pastoral Cycle, reflecting on my own journey.

