



Formation OPPORTUNITIES 2019

A GUIDING LIGHT
FOR AGENTS AND SEEKERS OF FAITH

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Our formation team

Shane Dwyer
Director, NCE



An experienced faith formator, public speaker, writer and course provider, Shane brings to his role as the Director of the NCE a great desire to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. He finds within the Catholic tradition a rich vocabulary to express the wonder of the invitation made to all human beings: the call to be reborn into the life that God has for each of us. Shane has completed post-graduate studies in Catholic Theology and Christian Spirituality and is a trained spiritual director.

Sharon Brewer
Manager,
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Sharon commenced work in the NCE in March 2017. Prior to this she worked at a parish level and for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, supporting parishes in the areas of RCIA, Sacraments, Liturgy and Parish team formation. It is through her many years of involvement in parish life and her role as wife and mother that Sharon's desire to encourage others on their journey of faith has grown. Sharon delivered adult education for a number of years, and has recently completed a Theology degree.

How can I find out more?

The best way to get started with organising some adult faith formation in your parish or agency is to make contact with us directly. Send us a quick email outlining your needs and then we will set up a phone call to establish what your exact aims are. We can then discuss logistics and pricing.

Because we value faith formation we put a 'price' on it. We are also conscious that people generously donate to the work we do, so we are very careful to be good stewards of this money. However, if cost is a real barrier, then make contact and we will see what can be done.

Our contact details

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NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EVANGELISATION

The **National Centre for Evangelisation** (NCE) is a dedicated team working within the **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**. One of the major works of the NCE is the **Catholic Enquiry Centre**.

NCE Mandate

To assist in the formation and resourcing of Catholics as they seek to live out their baptismal and confirmational call to proclaim the presence of Jesus Christ 'holy in their hearts' (1 Peter 3:15).

To provide a quality response to Catholics returning to the practice of their faith and to those currently not members of the Catholic Church.

What are we offering?

To make concrete our efforts in achieving our mandate, we offer adult formation which will assist people in the fulfillment of their baptismal promise of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Such formation can be practical, spiritual or academic. We are conscious that many dioceses have the means to conduct such formation themselves. The NCE is happy to assist them, but our primary focus is to reach out to those pockets within the Catholic Church in Australia where these opportunities are limited.

What topics we can offer

Our team specialises in developing tailor made spiritual and practical formation on the following topics:

- Parish/Diocesan Renewal
- Parish Pastoral Council Formation
- Parish Leadership Team Formation
- Retreat experiences for large or small groups
- Hospitality and its importance to parish life
- The RCIA Process – Getting started, and keeping it going
- Sacrament Preparation – Helping parents understand the sacraments
- Catholic Agencies – What does it mean to be a 'Catholic' agency?

What formats we can offer

- Seminar – input by the facilitator, but time for questions and discussion
- Workshop – facilitator provides input, but participants have high engagement in the process
- Retreat Leader (or co-leader)
- As part of a conference (eg. co-facilitation)
- Keynote presenter

Spiritual, practical or both?

When thinking of engaging in adult faith formation, consideration should be given to whether the focus of the formation should be spiritual, practical, academic or a combination of each. It is very important for the organisers to be very clear about what they are trying to achieve. Do your attendees need some practical help in establishing a parish team or the like? Or, do your attendees need a spiritual experience in which they can encounter Christ in a prayerful and reflective way, and thus be re-energised to undertake their ministries? Or, are they requiring some accessible input on aspects of Catholic faith and practice?

Our team can assist you in the planning. Our aim is to ensure that your needs are met in the most practical, but meaningful way.

What does this cost?

We are very much aware that many parishes do not have huge financial resources. When establishing the cost we propose the following:

- \$40 per hour per facilitator
- Cover the costs of the facilitator's travel, accommodation and meals

We realise that even the above might be too much, especially for remote places where travel expenses can be high. However, don't let this prevent you from making contact with us. As they say, we'll work something out!