

## Education Resources

As part of the Voice of Renewal/Lay Education Working Group effort to disseminate information on Catholic lay education, we are developing a Resource File of adult educational opportunities.

Please help us keep the file current, by providing updates on new programs available in your area, by alerting us to links that need updating, or by telling us if programs are no longer available.

Please limit your suggestions specifically to information about Catholic Faith education. There are other files and lists on our site for more general topics such as Spirituality, Devotional Practices, and so on.

Send your suggestions via the Yahoo Group address: [VOR\\_VOTF@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VOR_VOTF@yahoogroups.com). Use the following words as the SUBJECT: Education Resource File.

## All Regions

### Online Options

**The University of Dayton** provides online learning opportunities through its **Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)**. Designed to provide adult religious education and faith formation any time and anywhere via the Internet, VLCFF offers courses on Catholic beliefs, Catholic social teaching, the Scriptures, Praying with Children, and so on, under Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced headings. They also host seminars on similar topics. The cost is reasonable: \$30 to \$75 per course or seminar, with discounts for those from "participating dioceses." For more information, go to <http://www.udayton.edu/~vlc/>.

**Boston College Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry** (IREPM) recently initiated a **Distance-Learning** option. Fees vary, depending on the type of course (live versus delayed, two-way interactive or one-way "lecture," credit or not-for-credit, alumnae or not), but the prices listed for the initial five offerings range from \$75 to \$300. For more information, go to <http://www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/irepm/academics/descschedreg/olcourses/#online>.

## Multiple Regions

**City College of Loyola University of New Orleans** supports the LIMEX program: **Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program**. Available in 24 states and several countries (Belize, Canada, England, Scotland), LIMEX provides continuing education programs leading to a Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) and a Master of Pastoral Studies (M.P.S.) degree. The overall goal is to provide lay people with "an informed and contemporary theological vision, professional competence, and practical ministerial skills." For more information, go to <http://www.loyno.edu/lim/extension/>.

## **New England Region**

### **Boston College Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry**

(IREPM) offers opportunities to study religious education and pastoral ministry in courses and workshops. They also offer various interdisciplinary Master's Degrees as well as a PH.D. in Religion and Education as well as workshops, seminars, and weekend courses. For more information, go to <http://www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/irepm/>.

**Boston College's Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project** now will extend into fall 2004 and later. The Web site for the project continues to offer articles, summaries, and papers from the seminars and workshops already completed. You can check the links from the main page for events scheduled later in 2004 and in 2005. See <http://www.bc.edu/church21/>.