



Diocese of  
**Hallam**

## **Bishop's Certificate for Teachers**

Foundation Course in Religious Education to complement the 'Come and See' RE programme

**Aim** To provide a foundation course that supports primary school teachers in the Catholic schools of Hallam Diocese in exploring and understanding the core theological principles of the Catholic faith in order to assist their delivery of the 'Come and See' Religious Education programme.

### **Objectives**

- To provide an insight into aspects of the Catholic faith for primary school teachers in our Catholic schools
- To increase knowledge and understanding of theological background to topics in 'Come and See'.
- To raise the confidence of staff in delivering Religious Education in the classroom.
- To encourage a creative approach to Religious Education.
- To provide an encouraging learning environment in which to question and explore faith.

### **What is involved?**

12 topics covered over 6 days, concluding with the award of certificates. Participants are required to attend a minimum of 5 days and to complete and submit one assignment in order to receive the certificate.

### **Who is it for?**

*The course is pitched at teachers who have already completed their first year(s) of teaching. It is hoped that they may feel encouraged empowered and strengthened in their current roles, and may consider this as a valuable part of their career progression towards more senior positions, or into further learning, for instance via the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS).*

**Who is leading the course?** There will be a variety of presenters, with theological and/or educational expertise to inspire and enthuse.

**COST:** £200 per person, for the whole course. No hidden extras!



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## Bishop's Certificate Calendar

Course Dates	Focus
November 21st 2019	1. Introduction to the BCT 2. Scripture: Old Testament 3. Scripture: New Testament
December 12th 2019	4. Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation 5. Sacraments: Eucharist, First Communion, Reconciliation
January 16th 2020	6. Kingdom of God: Who is Jesus? 7. Kingdom of God: What is the Church?
March 19th 2020	8. Living the faith: Christian morality 9. Living the faith: Ecumenism and other religions
May 21st 2020	10. Prayer: Liturgy and Collective Worship 11. Prayer: Spirituality
June 18th 2020	12. Concluding session & Certificates awarded

**Thursdays 9.30am-3pm**  
**Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield S9 3WU**

**Format of each day:** Typically, the morning will comprise an exploration of key themes of the Catholic faith. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore how these themes relate to the 'Come and See' programme. The afternoon sessions will mainly comprise opportunities to discuss and explore practical and creative approaches to teaching and learning within the 'Come and See' programme. These sessions will be pitched to cater for teachers of all year groups from Early Years to Year 6 with opportunities to engage with colleagues through discussions and practical activities.

### **How do I apply?**

*Please use the course booking form on the Hallam Diocese Website (Schools/Home), and email your details to [abramall@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:abramall@hallam-diocese.com)*

**Closing date: Friday 18th October 2019**