



# Setting out on the Road

an introductory course on

## Teaching Religious Education in Catholic schools

*"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)*

### Who will be interested in this course?

- Teachers who have not obtained a Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach religious education in Catholic schools
- Students who are enrolled in a post / under graduate Teaching course, aiming to be teaching within the next two years

### Specific Outcome

Successful completion of the course will lead to the award of a certificate recognised by the Catholic Bishops of Scotland.

### Course Locations, Dates & Times

(NB Depending on the number of enrolments, it may be necessary to combine all or some of the days in one location.)

**Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road  
EDINBURGH EH9 1BB**

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Archdiocese of Glasgow, Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde St.  
GLASGOW G1 4JY**

- **Monday** 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

All sessions will run from 9am to 3.30pm.

### Cost

The course fee is **£200** per participant, payable upon enrolment. This covers the cost of all materials, tuition and assessment. Lunch is NOT provided.  
(NB Support may be available from schools or Councils.)

### Some evaluations from current course participants:

*"reflective" brilliant* *"challenging" Intense* *"inspiring and moving"*  
*"I never usually use this word, but a "fantastic" course: really useful and enlightening."*  
*"Complex ideas have been made accessible and entertaining."*

## Scottish Catholic Education Service

### What does the course aim to do? \*

- develop your understanding of the vocation of the Catholic teacher
- develop your knowledge of aspects of Catholic theology and Church teaching
- develop your understanding of the distinctive nature of the Catholic school and the purpose of Catholic religious education
- develop your skills to plan, implement and evaluate Catholic Religious Education lessons and programmes

### Nature of course

- **attendance required at 4 learning days**
  - learning structured around sections of *This Is Our Faith*
  - input provided by theologians and educators
- **completion of directed tasks in R.E. journal** (in one school session)
  - support and feedback given prior to assessment

### R.E. Journal

On Day 1 of the course participants will receive an **R.E. Journal** which will direct their on-going learning for the school year ahead. The Journal contains directed reading tasks and activities. Course participants will be expected to complete designated assignments to meet specific deadlines. Feedback will be provided by course tutors prior to the contents of entire R.E. Journal being assessed towards the end of the school year.

### Success criteria

Successful course participants will be able to show evidence of:

- A.i. an acquired understanding of the fundamentals of Catholic doctrine, faith and morals in light of Scripture, Tradition and Liturgy
- A.ii. their engagement with relevant Scripture and Church documents, including the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- B.i. an acquired understanding of the distinctiveness of Catholic education
- B.ii. an awareness of the purpose of Catholic religious education as defined in *This Is Our Faith*
- C.i. experience of planning, implementing and evaluating Catholic Religious Education lessons and programmes

### Further information

To obtain more information and an application form, contact:

**Scottish Catholic Education Service, 75 Craigpark, GLASGOW G31 2HD**

Web: [www.sces.org.uk/setting-out-application/](http://www.sces.org.uk/setting-out-application/) Email: [mai@sces.org.uk](mailto:mai@sces.org.uk) Tel: 0141 556 4727

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\* Any teacher wishing to be appointed to teach in a Catholic denominational school in Scotland must seek the approval of Church authorities by demonstrating how his/her personal "religious belief and character" enables him/her to undertake the duties of the particular teaching post within the context of a Catholic school, with its particular mission, values and ethos. For those posts which include responsibility for the teaching of Religious Education, teachers must provide evidence of having obtained an appropriate teaching qualification in Catholic Religious Education. The award of a certificate to mark the successful completion of this 'Setting Out on the Road' course will be accepted in all Dioceses as fulfilling the requirements for obtaining "an appropriate teaching qualification in Catholic Religious Education". However, course applicants should note that this does not negate the requirement to obtain Approval of their religious belief and character prior to appointment.