

Faith and Daily Active Living

Nitika Don Bosco- 2026

BASIC TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS & PARISH LAY LEADERS (BTC)

**We are happy to announce for a NITIKA DON BOSCO Faith Education Training program:
"PASTORAL MINISTRY IN THE PARISH: LIVING THE FAITH ACTIVELY IN
DAILY LIFE"**

A Course on Faith and Active Citizenship, which will be held from 28th at 9:00 a.m. to 29th August till 4:30 PM, at Nitika Don Bosco, Kolkata-15.

Here is an integrated concept note, with timetable, objectives, methodology, materials, expected outcomes and assigned resource persons for a coherent two-day residential programme. The schedule is designed for 30 participants in total.

About the course: The Christian faith and political engagement programme is designed to equip Catechists, Priests, Religious Sisters, Young Clerics, Religious Formees, Parish lay and adult- youth leaders, to engage responsibly with Christian and civic life. Rooted in biblical and theological foundations, the programme explores Catechetics, Church governance, and public witness in light of Christian faith, in the local socio-political context.

Theme: "Pastoral Ministry in the Parish: Living the Faith Actively in Daily Life"

Date: 28–29 August 2026

CONCEPT OF THE TRAINING

The Church today needs catechists, Religious and lay leaders who are not merely teachers of religion but missionary disciples capable of witnessing to Christ in everyday life. Inspired by the vision of Pope Francis, *Antiquum Ministerium*, the *Directory for Catechesis*, and the Salesian charism, this Basic Training Course seeks to renew parish catechetical ministry by forming committed lay collaborators who can evangelize through their lives, leadership, teaching, prayer and service.

The programme brings together catechists, Sunday Catechism Teachers, Religious, Clergy, Formees, Basic Ecclesial Community leaders, family commission members, adult-youth leaders, association leaders and parish volunteers. Through prayer, reflection, workshops, demonstrations and practical exercises, participants will deepen their faith, understand the Church's teaching, and acquire practical pastoral skills for effective catechetical ministry in their respective parishes.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the training the participants will be able to:

1. Understand the vocation and mission of catechists, Catechism Teachers, Religious, Clergy and parish lay leaders.
2. Deepen their knowledge of Sacred Scripture and Catholic faith.
3. Become familiar with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, YOUCAT and DOCAT.
4. Read present social, cultural and political realities in the light of the Gospel.
5. Develop practical skills in parish catechesis and evangelization.
6. Strengthen family ministry and parish outreach.
7. Learn participatory methods of catechesis and lesson planning.
8. Use digital media responsibly for evangelization.
9. Collaborate effectively with parish priests in liturgy and pastoral ministry.
10. Prepare an action plan for strengthening catechesis in each parish.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Flowing logically from Catechists/Lay leaders spirituality/ Religious/Clergy role to doctrine, pastoral realities, practical ministry, digital evangelization, and finally hands-on catechetical planning.

By the conclusion of the training, participants should:

- Appreciate catechesis as a vocation and ecclesial ministry.
- Become confident parish catechists and lay leaders.
- Effectively use the Bible and the Catechism in catechesis.
- Plan and animate parish catechism classes.
- Assist priests in liturgical and pastoral ministries.
- Promote family evangelization and Basic Ecclesial Communities.
- Use digital media responsibly for faith formation.
- Prepare a practical catechetical action plan for implementation in their own parish.
- Build a network of trained catechists across the state of Bengal for continued formation and collaboration.

For more information about the course kindly contact:

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Please note that the event will be in Multi-Lingual Format: English (Bengali/Hindi, when needed)

Kindly fill up the Google Form uploaded on to our website!

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