

TEACHER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

“Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness”

Sponsored by the OCEC - Orthodox Christian Education Commission

Dr Anton Vrame has encouraged the teachers of the Archdiocese to participate this Teacher Certification Program. The OCEC implemented workshops to enhance the quality of education in church schools by providing Orthodox teachers with knowledge of the faith and basic instructional techniques. Originally developed by Carole Buleza (AOCA-Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese), formerly of OCEC's Curriculum Department, these workshops are designed to give parish educators tools for classroom planning and management, while introducing new texts, curriculum ideas and activities to enhance learning. Myra Kovalak (OCA-Orthodox Church in America) chairs the Teacher Training Department.

1. Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness 1

Three core courses to give educators a basic background for successful teaching:

1. Overview of Orthodoxy
2. Introduction to Teaching
3. Curriculum and Resources

Participants completing all three sessions will receive a certificate from OCEC.

2. Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness 2

Consists of three courses in advanced training:

1. Enhancing the Classroom Experience
2. Moral Issues Overview
3. Utilizing Crafts for Religious Education

Participants who have earned the certificate of participation in *TTW I* may take these courses. Upon completion of all three of these sessions, participants will receive an advanced certificate from OCEC.

3. Educating Ourselves & Our Children in Godliness CSD

Designed for the Church School Director:

1. Introduction to Church School Ministry
2. Curriculum and Resources for CSD
3. Building Your Staff, Building Your Students

This workshop assists the Church School Director in implementing and/or enhancing a successful Church School program.

4. Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness 3

In cooperation with the Antiochian Archdiocese, workshops consisting of three sessions in advanced training are offered in areas of study including Liturgy, Sharing Your Faith, Unity, Beyond the Classroom, and Storytelling. Participants who have earned the certificate of participation in *TTW I* and *II* may take these courses. Upon completion of all three sessions, participants will receive a certificate of completion.



PLANNING INFORMATION: a Parish hosts the 1-day, 3 sessions, 7.5-hour workshop, which provides sessions for both Teachers & Church School Directors. The Host Parish is responsible for [1] inviting participants (option: area Orthodox Churches), [2] Printing the workbooks, [3] Food: snacks & lunch, [4] Travel (mileage \$.50/mile or airfare) & Accommodations for the Trainers. Trainers do not receive honoraria. Further details are available by contacting Myra Kovalak, (mekovalak@gmail.com). Phyllis Meshel Onest has served as a trainer. The Metropolis covers her travel & accommodations. These workshops are a GREAT way to become a better teacher! Don't miss out...