

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! [Mk 4:3-9]



Our mission at AoA is to help sow seed in good soil!

At AoA we take a fresh approach to advance the New Evangelization.

The Challenge and Opportunity

- The Church - achieving its potential for the New Evangelization
- The teacher - employing effective ways to convey the message whilst keeping to the fullness of the faith in all its truth and beauty
- The faithful - having the confidence to stand firm and confidently explain their beliefs while deepening their life of prayer and discipleship
- The newly converted – whose faith seeks understanding as they start out on their journey

Responding to these challenges

- For 2000 years the Church founded by Jesus Christ has stood firm in its mission to evangelize. Since Vatican II a call has been echoed by recent Popes for a New Evangelization – a call to renew the Catholic household to reach out to the rest of the world more effectively

What does AoA provide for the New Evangelization?

- For the Gospel to be heard and received in our society, those who speak of Christ need to understand the ideas, instincts, aspirations and assumptions that flow through the culture in which we live. AoA relates the unchanging Truth of Christ and His Church to the burning issues of our secular world today and tomorrow.
- AoA is effective in forming intentional disciples, equipping convincing teachers and developing programmes to meet the needs of the next few years and beyond.

How does AoA help and what do we offer?

- A framework of study providing fundamental and essential learning platforms in **catechesis, evangelization, reasons for faith, discipleship, spiritual theology, Biblical theology, and more**
- A flexible programme that is constantly updated to ensure teaching remains relevant and topical
- Teaching programmes developed to enable a greater depth of understanding between what we need to know, why we need to know, and how it is interlinked within our faith leading to a much stronger base from which to grow

Why should you use AoA?

- We offer a friendly personal learning experience shared with like minded students from across the globe
- Ease of learning with **programmes designed to fit in with modern lifestyles**. That is not to say that the course content is easy as everything worthwhile requires effort, but we offer short teaching sessions, one to one support, 'safe' question and answer opportunities with direct access to our friendly and approachable teaching staff.
 - No pre-recorded videos to work through on your own
 - No feelings of isolation during your teaching sessions
 - No situations where you are left unsure or unclear
 - Options available for two levels of study for every programme
- The opportunity to develop new friendships
- Courses that offer much more than basic catechesis commonly offered elsewhere
- A broad teaching spectrum – **always faithful to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and rooted in Sacred Scripture** – drawing on a wide range of sources with programmes developed by our teaching staff.
- Key teaching staff with Doctorates from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome and international teaching experience

What will you take away?

- The ability to be confident in explaining your faith
- Confidence to discern you are on the path toward union with God
- Confidence to teach others and share your knowledge
- Feel enriched by the teaching offered by our staff and the experiences shared by others.

Courses

Reasons for Faith Programme – Cardinal Newman Catechetical Certificate (1 year course)

<https://www.aoa-edu.com/newman-catechetical-certificate-reasons-for-faith/>

Lead: Dr Christina Pal, BS, STB, MA, STL, STD

Spiritual Formation Programme – St John Diploma (2 year course)

<https://www.aoa-edu.com/spiritual-theology-the-path-of-the-soul-toward-union-with-god-3dc/>

Lead: Dr Denise Clare Oliver, STB, MA, STL, STD