



# Called to teach.



## Welcome to Inspire!

The *Inspire* badge is meant to be an inspirational launch into ongoing, independent study for those who have completed the initial badges of the Vocare process or have theology degrees. We congratulate you on your accomplishment!

Growth in teaching and in catechetical leadership means an increased awareness of our relationship with the Holy Spirit. We often have the realization that 'whatever I said – it wasn't from me! The Spirit was definitely at work!' Because of this, the program "The Wild Goose" has been chosen to invite the advanced catechist into a deeper experience of the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit.

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit because of the interdependence and collaboration exhibited by geese. When flying, geese work with each other to share the responsibilities of leading the flock – their interdependent relationship allows them to rely on each other, go farther, stay aloft longer. In like manner, the Holy Spirit works with us and strengthens us on our journey with the Lord. "Those who believe in Christ *know* the Spirit because [the Spirit] dwells with them" (John 14:17). "The Wild Goose" will help you experience the Spirit more deeply...

If you have completed previous badges, you will notice that the program for the *Inspire* Badge has a very different format. Each short video is a reflection on the Holy Spirit. The videos invite us to open our hearts and deepen our dependence on God. They comfort us, challenge us, and draw us to a greater depth within. They are not meant to *teach* us, they are meant to invite us to a greater intimacy with God.

### ***Completing the Inspire Badge***

The Inspire Badge has three requirements: view all segments of The Wild Goose program, complete the Inspire Reflection, and involvement in Missionary Discipleship. Let us look at these requirements individually.

#### **1. View All Segments of *The Wild Goose***

- a. *The Wild Goose* is available online at FORMED.org. or on DVD from the Office for Evangelization and Discipleship. *The Wild Goose* can be access directly at <https://formed.org/study/58264810047b47d40a5e5d2a>
- b. If your parish is subscribed to FORMED, please login with your parish passcode. If your parish is *not* subscribed, please follow the directions at the end of this document.
- c. IMPORTANT: We suggest that you approach the viewing of the videos as you would a retreat. Don't rush. Linger with the words and images presented. Pray through the material and open yourself to the message God has for you at this time.

## 2. Complete the *Inspire* Reflection

- a. BEFORE BEGINNING THE VIDEO PORTION OF THE BADGE, we suggest that you print out the reflection questions on the document Catechist Reflection Inspire. Keep these questions handy as you move from one video to another. You can answer the questions as you go, or complete the entire document when you have finished viewing *The Wild Goose*.
- b. If you complete the questions online, click SUBMIT at the end of the reflections. If completing by hand, please email a scan to [VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org](mailto:VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org).

## 3. Involvement in Missionary Discipleship

- a. At this point in your formation, having spent years learning about and reflecting on Christ and his teachings, you are very used to sharing your faith in the classroom. Missionary Discipleship offers that opportunity in an adult setting.
  - b. The Missionary Discipleship portion of the Vocare certification process is the requirement to participate in an ongoing small group that talks about where the members experience God in their lives. This can take varied forms, and everyone does not have to be in the same group. This may be a bible study, an ALPHA or CRHP or RENEW group, Why Catholic, a Symbolon group, Evangelical Catholic, School of Faith, FOCUS for Parishes, ChristLife, Emmaus, and many other groups as approved by the Office for Evangelization and Discipleship.
  - c. Small faith-communities are essential to disciple because they offer an opportunity to develop relationships of faith, and in turn, deepen our relationship with Christ. Through the telling of the stories of God's presence in our lives, we come to experience the richness of God's call to us as catechists who 'echo' God's love for others. Missionary Discipleship is the heart and soul of the Vocare process! It helps us put our walk with the Lord in the context of community. We walk together. We support one another. We inspire each other.
  - d. Missionary Discipleship groups should fulfill the following criteria:
    - at least 3 people
    - meets at least monthly
    - meets for at least an hour at a time
    - significant time for prayer at each gathering
    - is Christ-centered
    - involves faith-sharing about God's presence and how I am growing in discipleship and knowledge of my faith
    - my group is based in trust and honesty
  - e. Complete a "Missionary Discipleship submission form" annually beginning with the *Inspire* badge.
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3. Enter H6F8VK
4. Enter your personal email address.
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4. Click the box next to "I agree to the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy."
5. Click SUBMIT.

Go to your personal email account and open the email from "FORMED Parish Care."  
Click **CLICK HERE TO VERIFY.**"

FORMED will open.

1. Under the OPENING THE WORD header, the first list of options is "FEATURED."
2. Using the arrows at the left or right of the video titles, scroll until you see



3. Click on the picture. Scroll down to **SEGMENT 1: GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT.**
4. Watch the video prayerfully.
5. When the video ends, click on the 'back button'  on the browser at the extreme upper left of your screen.
6. Select **SEGMENT 2: BREATH OF GOD.** Continue as before through all segments.

Complete "Inspire Reflection" and submit to [VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org](mailto:VocareSupport@CatholicCincinnati.org).