

# SEARCHLIGHT® VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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## Diocese of St. Petersburg - Searchlight® Virtual School

**The first requirement is clearance from your own diocese to begin the Advanced Program.**

**The second requirement is formal enrollment in the Searchlight® Virtual School.** To do this, go to the Searchlight® Virtual School web site: <https://www.SearchlightVS.com>.

- For Advanced Certification for the Diocese of St. Petersburg, click on the **School of Christian Formation ... Online** button - the second section under the home page image. (Enter through this division **ONLY!**)
- Review the policies and certification requirements.
- Next, choose the “Enrollment” button at the top of any page and follow the directions provided on that page.

**To formally enroll in the Searchlight® Virtual School, you must submit the following:**

1. The Enrollment Application
2. The \$5.00 Processing Fee

**Note:** When both your enrollment application and processing fee have been submitted, you will receive a confirmation e-mail providing your Student Number. To earn certification, follow the appropriate steps as outlined below.

### Searchlight Virtual School: Pre-Requisite Online Course: Vatican II

**You must have enrolled in the Searchlight® Virtual School and have a Student Number before ordering your pre-requisite online course.**

1. Go to the SVS web site (<https://www.SearchlightVS.com>). Click on School of Christian Formation ... *Online*. (Second section)
2. An overview is provided. Review the information, especially the “First Steps” and “After Enrollment” information.
3. Buttons for course ordering are available in the information for each course. Cost: \$30 per course plus the purchase of the required text. Students are responsible for purchasing the required text. The Searchlight® Virtual School does not supply the texts, but online purchasing links have been provided.
4. Your pre-requisite course is Vatican II. When an order for your course is received, the course materials are sent as an attachment to an e-mail. The electronic PDF contains all the worksheets for the course, both for the online tutorials and the text assessment.
5. This course also requires a written Reflection Paper on the *Decree on Ecumenism*. Directions for the Reflection Paper are sent when you order the course. Directions may also be found in the course information on the Courses page.
6. For more information regarding the course, to access the online content for the course, or to order the required text for the course, click on the “Courses” button at the top of any page and navigate to the course of choice.

**Diocesan Classes (DOSP) Four Classes Required - Offered at Various sites throughout the Diocese: Catholic Social Teaching, Scripture, The Eucharist, Mary and the Saints**

### Searchlight Virtual School: Five Required Courses Plus Two Electives (Either DOSP or Searchlight)

**Required Searchlight Virtual School (School of Christian Formation Online) Courses:**

Christology, Ecclesiology, History of the Church, Liturgy and Sacraments, and Morality

**Electives: DOSP**

1. Theological Reflection
2. Praxis/Methodology

**Electives Searchlight Virtual School (School of Christian Formation Online) Courses:**

1. Pastoral Ministry
2. Spirituality