



THE DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY ALPHA TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARISH LEADERS AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL

What are these Alpha trainings about?

Alpha small group leaders who have been chosen by the pastoral leadership or Catholic school principal are welcome to attend any one of the Alpha trainings being offered by the Diocese of Green Bay. Alpha trainings will instruct parish leaders and Catholic school personnel on how the Alpha course fits into the discipleship process. With this, participants will be introduced to Alpha principles, session structure, small group dynamics, shared prayer, promotional tips and more.

Below is an updated Alpha training schedule, three frequently asked questions regarding the Alpha trainings, the training session agenda and registration information. Please note that the admission fee is \$15.00 to cover Alpha training material and lunch.



ALPHA TRAINING SCHEDULE

For Parish Leaders and Catholic School Personnel

- Monday, November, 19 2018 (9AM-3:30PM)- Melania Hall Room 13, diocesan campus

THREE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is eligible to attend the Alpha trainings?

From a parish:

- Deacons, parish leaders, DRE's, key volunteers, principals of Catholic schools and Catholic school teachers.

From a Catholic school:

- Catholic school teachers or whoever the Catholic school principal wishes to designate as an Alpha small group leader from among the Catholic school personnel.

2. From each parish or Catholic school, how many Alpha small group leaders should be represented at the Alpha trainings?

For Parishes:

- The number of designated small group leaders is dependent upon the size of the parish and in particular, the number of staff and key volunteers that will be attending the Alpha course at the local parish. Keep in mind that Alpha small groups should be limited to 6-10 people. For instance, if there are a total of 10 staff and volunteers, the parish may decide to form one or two Alpha small groups. With this, the parish should choose one or two Alpha small group leaders to attend the Alpha trainings. However, if the number is close to 20 staff and volunteers, then the parish may decide to form up to 2-3 Alpha small groups; thus sending 2-3 Alpha small group leaders to the Alpha trainings.

For Catholic schools:

- The number of designated small group leaders is dependent upon the size of the school and in particular, the number of teachers and staff that will be attending the Alpha course at the Catholic school they are employed at. To be fully prepared, it is recommended that the teachers who lead Alpha groups attend one of the trainings. Keep in mind that Alpha small groups should be limited to 6-10 people. For instance, if there are a total of 30 teachers, the school may decide to form three or four Alpha small groups. With this, the school should choose three or four Alpha small group leaders to attend the Alpha trainings.

3. What kind of credentials does an Alpha small group leader need to have?

- Alpha small group leaders should be disciples of Jesus Christ, active members of a parish and those who are good at facilitating discussion. Here, the responsibility is not to teach or do all of the talking. Rather, it is to elicit and guide the discussion process. Again, lecturing or answering the questions participants may have is not the goal of Alpha small group leaders. The objective is to create a safe space for people to share their views in response to the Alpha discussion questions.

TRAINING SESSION AGENDA

TIMEFRAME

8:30-9:00AM: Arrival Time
10:30AM: Break
12:30PM: Lunch
2:15PM: Break
3:30PM: Dismal

TOPICS COVERED

- Binder Material
- What is Alpha:
 - Discipleship process
 - Alpha parts
 - Alpha sessions videos
 - Alpha structure
- Alpha Session One: Is there more to life than this?
- Discussion of Video
- Alpha Builder Training Videos
- Small Group Facilitating (or Leading Table Discussions)
- How to kill Alpha in 10 steps
- What does success look like?
- Introducing Prayer
- Alpha Roll Out- Where do we go from here?
- Promotional Tips
- Alpha Pilot Parishes

REGISTRATION AND ADMISSION FEE

To register for an Alpha training, visit this link: <http://www.gbdioc.org/newevangelization/offices-a-programs/adult-faith-formation/alpha.html>. Alpha training Admission fee is \$15.00. On the registration page, registrants will have the option of an Alpha training date and location they wish attend. Thank you!