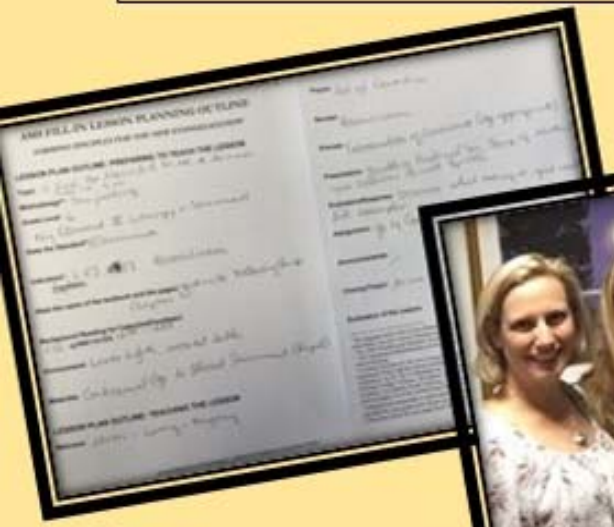
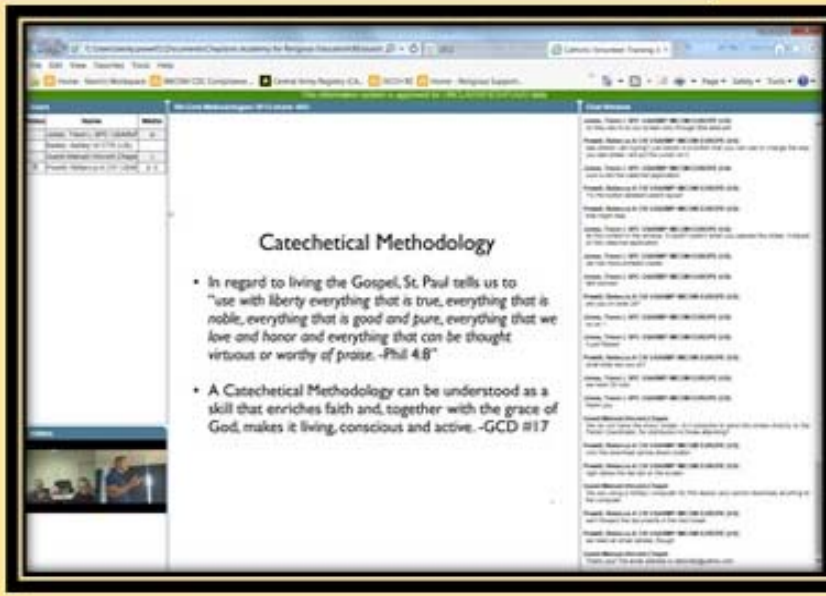
IMCOM-Europe CARE Center Volunteer Academy
Distinctive Religious Group Training





- OCONUS Army chapels have willing volunteers who lack opportunities to receive training and support in their religious tradition. With few off post religious alternatives, it is critical that the Army provide training for chaplains and volunteers.
- Catholic chaplains of Europe through their endorser, Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS), initiated Catholic specific training. USAG Wiesbaden and USAG Ansbach hosted Jose Amaya, Director of Faith Formation for training. Using "Defense Collaboration Systems" (DCS) the IMCOM-E Religious Educator provided broadcast from USAG Ansbach so that 3 more garrisons could receive the training. More than 50 Army volunteers received this 12 hour training for certification by the Catholic Church as Catechists. The training energized Catholic Soldiers and Families, "We have a meeting tomorrow with our entire catechetical team and look forward to sharing much of what we learned." Volunteers feel technologically confident in chapel classes; 2 installations now share Confirmation class with video conferencing.
- Special thanks go to USAG Ansbach Chaplain Assistants, SPC Courtney Dollard and SPC Jocelyn Johnson for their support. 4 years after its inception, the IMCOM-Europe Chaplaincy Academy for Religious Education continues to train Army chapel volunteers and provide similar support for all Distinctive Religious Groups.
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