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**SEMINARY OF THE
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**COURSE
 OFFERINGS
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 SPRING 2010**



GENERAL INFORMATION

MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM: The Master of Arts is a Graduate Program designed as an academic preparation for those preparing for various professional, religious, or ministerial careers, or as part of an enrichment program for those already established in such careers.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicants for matriculation must have a Bachelor's degree. Students who have not completed undergraduate credits in Theology, Philosophy, and/or related subjects are required to enroll in the Graduate Level Introductory Studies Program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Both the M.A. in Theology and the M.A. in Pastoral Studies require 39 credits of graduate study. Those studying to earn an M.A. in Theology must complete nine 3-credit courses which are devoted to a well-integrated core curriculum. The remaining four courses allow students to specialize according to their personal goals. At the end of their course work, all students are required to fulfill a Summative Requirement.

Those studying to earn an M.A. in Pastoral Studies must complete eight 3-credit courses, a curriculum much like the M.A. in Theology core curriculum. The remaining four courses are required electives selected to prepare students for pastoral work. Course work is brought to completion with a ministerial internship/seminar.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES: The school offers fall, spring and summer study options, three and six-week summer courses, and day and evening classes.

AUDITING COURSES: Students who possess an M.A. degree in Theology or an M.Div. degree may audit M.A. courses. Auditors attend class sessions but are not subject to examinations or other written requirements. They are expected to remain current with course readings. The number of auditors in any given class will be determined by the Academic Dean in consultation with the professor.

APPLICATION: New candidates for the Master of Arts Programs must complete the application process prior to registering for a course. Applications for admission to the Spring 2010 term must be completed by January 27, 2010. For further information and application forms, please call or write:

Academic Office
 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, New York 11743
 631-423-0483 x112 • or visit our website: www.icseminary.edu

REGISTRATION: Registration for the Spring 2010 term must be completed by January 27, 2010. Late Registration Fee is \$25.00

TUITION & FEES:

Application fee.....	\$75.00	Registration fee.....	\$50.00
Tuition (per credit)	\$450.00	Audit (per credit).....	\$150.00
Summative Requirement	\$450.00	Graduation Fee	\$200.00

1/3 Payment due upon registration

ACCREDITATION: The Seminary is chartered by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York. It is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the Association of Theological Schools, and by the State of New York.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Rev. Msgr. Peter I. Vaccari, *Rector*
 Sr. Mary Louise Brink, S.C., Ph.D., *Academic Dean*

February 1 - May 19, 2010

EVENING COURSES

- 1500 Introduction to the Old Testament** Tuesday 7:15 – 9:30 p.m. Rev. Antony Asir
This course offers an introduction to the theological witness of the Old Testament. It begins with God’s creation of humankind in the divine image and follows the spiritual journey of the community of Israel as they grow in their call to be people of God through times of challenge, failure, and grace. The historical, literary and theological dimensions of these writings are brought to bear on the interpretation of their significance for Christian faith and practice. (3 credits)
- 2070 Trinity: Mystery of Grace** Tuesday 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Dr. Michael Hoonhout
This course will first guide students to a renewed understanding of the Trinity as the basis of Christian faith, lived out by human persons in the life of grace. Examination of the biblical revelation of the creating and saving God will lead to how the Church came to confess in doctrine and express in theology the mystery of the Trinity. In its second half the course examines the anthropological implications of what God has done under the three theological dimensions of the human person as created in the image of God, fallen and damaged by sin, and redeemed and renewed in grace. To show the connection between both halves of the course the professor will draw out the implications of the truths about God for the mystery of the human person, and the truths of the human person for the mystery of God. **(Prerequisites: Introduction to Theology, Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, and The Church)** (3 credits)
- 2432 A New Look at John Henry Newman: Sainly Theologian, Educator and Father of Vatican II** Wednesday 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Dr. Alexander Burke
Newman is one of the most significant Catholic theologians of the last 400 years, one who belongs in the rarefied company of the 33 Doctors of the Church. We will examine his fine classic works: *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, Parochial and Plain Sermons, The Idea of a University, Apologia Pro Vita Sua* and *A Grammar of Assent*, as well as a number of lesser works, as we explore Newman's multifaceted genius as educator, philosopher, theologian, poet, controversialist, preacher and historian. (3 credits)
- 5820 Eucharistic Liturgy (M.A. Students Only)** Monday 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Mr. Christopher Ferraro
This course is a thorough treatment of the Church’s theology of the celebration of the Eucharist from the perspective of the full, conscious and active participation of the gathered assembly. Topics discussed will include the Jewish background and New Testament foundations of the Eucharist, the content and structure of the celebration of Eucharist through an examination of texts, the theology of sacrifice and Real Presence, and a close reading of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. **(Prerequisite: Introduction to Worship or Introduction to Liturgy)** (3 credits)

SATURDAY COURSES

- PD 4500 Introduction to the History of the Church** Saturday 9:00 - Noon Rev. Msgr. Peter Vaccari
This course traces the development of major themes in Christian thought in order to examine the meaning of tradition and the development of doctrine. In addition to the course lectures, an extended required bibliography familiarizes students with important primary as well as secondary sources. (3 credits)
There will be ten Saturday sessions – **January 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27; March 6, 27; April 17, 24; May 1; Snow Date - May 8**
- PD 6510 Leadership Skills in Ministry** Saturday 9:00 - Noon Dr. Larry Boone
This course focuses on the various dimensions of the leader’s role in the Christian ministries. Special attention will be given to the role of the minister in the areas of program organization and administration; selection and development of personnel; group participation in decision-making; basic planning and evaluation skills; financial management; identification and utilization of resources. (3 credits)
There will be ten Saturday sessions – **January 16, 23; February 6, 20, 27; March 6, 27; April 17, 24; May 1; Snow Date - May 8**
- PD 6601 Pastoral Counseling for Parish Ministers** Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Deacon Thomas Rich
This course is designed as an aid to persons working in parish structures as ministers. The counseling process will be examined within a pastoral context. Current theories of relationship will be examined as well as various approaches to effective counseling. (3 credits)
There will be ten Saturday sessions – **January 16, 23; February 6, 20, 27; March 6, 27; April 17, 24; May 1; Snow Date - May 8**

DAY COURSES

- 1010 The Synoptic Gospels: An Introduction to the New Testament** Monday 8:30 - 9:50 a.m. & Wednesday 9:15 - 10:35 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning
This course begins with an introduction to the New Testament: its historical, geographical and cultural background; its texts and manuscripts and the formation of canon. After a review of the history of interpretation of the synoptics, the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke will be studied in their entirety. Emphasis will be given to the ways in which the individual evangelists and the early Christian communities represented events and teachings from Jesus’ life and applied them to the life of the early church. (3 credits)
- 1030 Pauline Literature** Monday & Thursday 10:05 – 11:25 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning
The thirteen epistles that are associated with Paul are read and critiqued in conjunction with discussion of Paul, the development of early missionary communities, authorship, epistolary genre, and the use of rhetoric. Particular emphasis is given to the character of the Pauline communities and the ways in which the epistles respond to their needs. (3 credits)
- 1101 Old Testament - Prophecy** Tuesday & Thursday 10:05 – 11:25 a.m. Dr. Katherine Hayes
The prophetic books witness to God’s ongoing leadership of his people. This course focuses on the pre-exilic prophets Amos, Hosea, First Isaiah, and Jeremiah in relation to the biblical narratives that trace the history of Israel from the settlement in the land up to the Babylonian exile (Joshua through 2 Kings). Attention is given in the course to the various forms of the prophetic word; the nature of the prophetic vocation; and the reception of the prophetic message. (3 credits)
- 1112 Exile, Wisdom, and the Apocalyptic Imagination** Tuesday & Friday 8:30 - 9:50 a.m. Dr. Katherine Hayes
The exilic and post-exilic Old Testament prophets raise the hope of inner and outer transformation for the people of God. The wisdom writings invite all to discern the way to life while acknowledging the limits of human understanding. The apocalyptic writings of the Book of Daniel offer visions of divine reality in the midst of horror and death. This course explores the invitations to hope and faithful perseverance in these books, keeping in mind the way they prepare for the good news of the New Testament. (3 credits)
- 4010 Church History II** Monday & Thursday 8:30 - 9:50 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Peter Vaccari
This course studies the Church in history from the Reformation Era to the present time. The course seeks to highlight each major aspect of the Church’s experience: the Church and the world, outstanding personalities, ecumenical relations, developments in theology, the emergence of ecclesiastical structures and forms of spirituality. (3 credits)
- 4241 Patristics** Monday 8:30 – 9:50 a.m. & 10:05 – 11:25 a.m. Brother Owen Sadlier, OSF.
The Patristics/Patrolgy course introduces the student to the life and the times, as well as the doctrine and writings, of the Fathers of the Church and of the ecclesiastical writers of Christian antiquity. This course highlights the richness and challenge of the Patristic Era in its ability to create an organic unity of the many aspects of the life and mission of the Church. (3 credits)

ONLINE COURSE

- 1375 Passion Narratives – Online Catholic Distance Learning Course** Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning
The Passion Narratives of the Gospels serve as liturgical texts of the Church during Holy Week celebrations. They also serve as interpretive keys to the Gospel narratives. This course will engage in exegetical, historical, and literary studies of these texts with a view to determining the theological message of each Evangelist. (3 credits) *The 12 week course will officially begin on Wednesday, February 3rd. However, the online materials of the course will be available for viewing in a special "preview" week beginning on Wednesday, January 27th. (Required: basic computer knowledge and navigation skills for the internet; high speed internet access; e-mail account) (1550 Introduction to the New Testament or 1010 The Synoptic Gospels preferred but not required)*

WORKSHOPS OF THE PASTORAL FORMATION INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Realizing that formation is an important component in theological education, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, in collaboration with the Office of Faith Formation’s Pastoral Formation Institute of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, has made arrangements to grant our Master of Arts students one credit for each of the following workshops. Weekend workshops include presentations, materials and overnights Friday and Saturday at the Seminary, meals on Saturday and Sunday morning. Upon your Friday arrival, participants should report to the Seminary’s D-Wing Meeting Room by 6:30 p.m. for sign-in. You must register for these workshops through the Pastoral Formation Institute. Please call Patricia Schreck at 516-678-5800, ext. 536 or e-mail pschreck@drcv.org to request a registration form.

If you are taking a workshop for credit, a payment of \$350.00 is to be made to the Pastoral Formation Institute. A separate registration and payment of \$100.00 for processing of credit is to be made to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. The total cost of the workshop is equal to that of a one-credit course.

- PFI 003 Parish Systems Weekend Workshop** February 26 - 28, 2010
Building on concepts developed during the Family Dynamics weekend, participants will explore the complex web of systems i.e. family, parish, diocesan, socio-economic and cultural systems that impact all ministers. Concrete strategies for working in ministerial systems will be developed. (1 credit)
- PFI 004 Prayer Weekend Workshop** April 23 - 25, 2010 (English and Spanish)
This weekend presents different forms of prayer including the Liturgy of the Hours, *lectio divina*, traditional devotional prayer, meditation, contemplation and journaling. The weekend builds upon the lessons learned about personality type and helps participants discern the prayer forms they find most beneficial, and invites them to enter into prayer forms different from the comfort level of their preference. Participants are encouraged to recognize that ministry will call them to pray in many different ways. (1 credit)
- PFI 005 Collaborative Skills Weekend Workshop** April 16 - 18, 2010
Participants learn and develop leadership skills: how to plan and run more effective meetings; how to empower others through delegation; and conflict management skills. (1 credit)
- PFI 006 Family Dynamics Weekend Workshop** January 22 - 24, 2010
This weekend workshop guides participants in understanding and experiencing the dynamics of family relationships and systems in order to better understand their own past and current roles in their families, and to use the insights gained to help shape their own families, parishes and larger society according to the Christian vision of family presented in the United States bishops’ document *A Family Perspective in Church and Society*. (1 credit)

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

CORE CURRICULUM

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Introduction to Theology
- Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior
- The Church
- Trinity: Mystery of Grace
- Introduction to the History of the Church
- Introduction to Moral Theology
- Introduction to Worship

ELECTIVES

Four courses chosen by student according to specialization

SUMMATIVE REQUIREMENT

There are now two options available to complete this requirement: a summative seminar and Master’s paper (available during the fall semester only), or, in certain limited circumstances, the writing of a focused research thesis. Those who have completed course work and have not yet fulfilled the summative requirement, should contact the Academic Office for further information.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL STUDIES

The Seminary offers a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies to prepare students in a particular area of ministerial expertise.

The program requirements include:

CORE CURRICULUM

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Introduction to Theology
- Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior
- The Church
- Introduction to the History of the Church
- Introduction to Moral Theology
- Introduction to Worship

REQUIRED ELECTIVES

- Leadership Skills in Ministry
- Pastoral Issues in Canon Law
- Pastoral Counseling for Parish Ministers
- Elective of Choice (three credits)

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP AND SEMINAR

For a brochure and more detailed information on either program, please contact the Academic Office.

CALENDAR NOTES

- Last Day of Classes
May 13, 2010
- Final Examinations
May 14, 17-19, 2010
- Convocation
May 20, 2010

REGISTRATION SPRING 2010

Please mail this form with payment to the attention of the Registrar in the Academic Office, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ @ _____

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- M.A. in Theology M.A. in Pastoral Studies Advanced Certificate Audit

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 Late Registration Fee is \$25.00

Course Number	Course Name
Payment Due	
Tuition	\$
Workshop for Credit Fee	\$
Total Tuition	\$
Registration	\$
TOTAL	\$

Three Payment Plan Option