



VERITATIS SPLENDOR INSTITUTE

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic

Creed & Kerygma

This course presents a thorough introduction to the Christian Creed and the foundational proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Kerygma). The course enters into the study of God's revelation and our response in faith. Students will gain a deeper appreciation of the fundamental mysteries of the Catholic faith: the Holy Trinity, creation, incarnation, redemption, salvation, and eternal life.

Catechetical Methods

This course presents the central aim of all evangelization and catechesis: an encounter with Jesus Christ. In light of this aim, it unfolds the unique and specific methods, settings, and processes associated with the transmission of the Christian faith within the life of the Church. Students will develop a proficiency in the various teaching methods used by catechists; appreciate the individual learning styles; and understand the ecclesial method of catechesis.

Liturgy & Sacraments

This course examines the public worship due to God and offered by the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. It delves into the celebration of the Christian mystery, most particularly the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the re-presentation of this mystery here and now through the sacred liturgy. The course will cover the meaning and purpose of liturgy as well as the specifics of the celebration of the liturgy. Students will understand and appreciate the Liturgy of the Hours, sacramentals, devotions, and, most especially, the seven sacraments with the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life.

Catholic Moral Life

This course provides an overview of Catholic moral teaching. It explores basic principles, values, and patterns of thinking that have formed the tradition of Catholic moral theology including creation, freedom and human dignity, grace, law, virtue, sacrament, prayer, and social justice. Students will understand the Catholic moral life as an integral personal response – lived out within the community – of love to the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

Prayer & Spirituality for Basic

This course will explore the foundations of Christian spirituality: the intimate encounter with the living God. The course emphasizes the role of prayer and discernment. It will explore the various traditions of prayer within the Catholic tradition and focus upon the example of several saints who have contributed to the richness of contemporary Catholic spirituality. Students will be provided a setting in which to grow in their lived experience of a personal and intimate communion with Jesus Christ.