

# **Holy Trinity Theological Institute of the Trinitarian Catholic Church**

## **CURRICULUM OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES**

### **LEADING TO COURSE CERTIFICATION**

**Holy Trinity Theological Institute** currently offers the following course leading to a Certificate issued by the HTTI of the Trinitarian Catholic Church. There is no cost for enrollment to the Institute for lay people or clergy of the Trinitarian Catholic Church or members of any of its religious Orders.

Anyone who wishes to pursue a course for certification must first register for a course with the Bishop. A registration form or letter of intent to register for a course will be sufficient.

Certificates for **Franciscan Spirituality** and **Religious Life** are required courses for Novices and all members of the Franciscans of Divine Providence who professed vows prior to September 2007. It should be noted that the Christian Studies Certificate courses is an educational program apart from the degree program leading to Holy Orders.

All of the course titles can be purchased on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). Most of these books can also be found at your local public library, for those who do not wish to purchase them. Contact the Bishop if you are having any difficulty locating a title needed for a course completion. **Please read the section on Reflection Papers that follows the course list.**

### **Biblical Studies - Certificate**

**Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction (Paperback)** by [Lawrence Boadt](#)

**An Introduction to the New Testament (Anchor Bible Reference) (Hardcover)** by [Raymond E. Brown](#)

**Studying the Synoptic Gospels: Origin and Interpretation (Paperback)** by [Robert H. Stein](#)

**The Gospel According to John and the Johannine Epistles** by [Neal M. Flanagan](#)

**Interpreting the Pauline Epistles (Guides to New Testament Exegesis)** by [Thomas R. Schreiner](#)

**Bringing the Gospel of Mark to Life: Insight and Inspiration (Opening the Scriptures)** by [George Martin](#)

**The New Testament and Homosexuality** by [Robin Scroggs](#), (Fortress Press, Philadelphia PA 1983)

**Making Sense Out of Scripture - Reading the Bible as the First Christians Did** by [Mark P. Shea](#), (Basilica Press, San Diego, CA, 1999)

### **Church History - Certificate**

**The Many Paths of the Independent Sacramental Movement (Paperback)** by [John P. Plummer](#)

**Who Are the Independent Catholics? (Paperback)** by [John, P. Plummer](#)

**A Concise Guide to Canon Law; A Practical Handbook for Pastoral Ministers** by [Kevin E. McKenna](#)

**When Women Were Priests: Women's Leadership in the Early Church and the Scandal of Their Subordination** by [Karen J. Torjesen](#)

**The Orthodox Church (New Edition)** by [Timothy Ware](#), (Penguin Books, New York, NY, 1993)

**The First Urban Christians - The Social World of the Apostle Paul** by [Wayne A. Meeks](#), (Yale University Press, New Haven, CT 1983)

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**\*Franciscan Spirituality – Certificate** (Required for all FDP Novices and Simple Professed Members)

God's Fool: The Life of Francis of Assisi (Perennial Library) by [Julien Green](#)

St. Francis and the Foolishness of God by [Marie Dennis](#), [Cynthia Moe-Lobeda](#), [Joseph Nangle](#), [Stuart Taylor](#)

Following Francis: The Franciscan Way for Everyone (Paperback) by [Susan Pitchford](#)

Praying With Clare of Assisi (Companions for the Journey) (Paperback) by [Ramona Miller](#)

Praying With Francis Of Assisi (Companions for the Journey) (Paperback) by [Joseph Stoutzenberger](#)

A Short Breviary for Religious and the Laity - Franciscan Regular Edition by [William G., Editor Heidt](#)

**\*Religious Life – Certificate** (Required for all FDP Novices and Simple Professed Members)

Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Community Life for the Contemporary Religious by [Barbara Fiant](#)

A Concert of Charisms: Ordained Ministry in Religious Life (Paperback) by [Paul K. Hennessy](#)

Spiritual conferences for religious based on the Franciscan ideal by [Theodosius Foley](#)

Refounding in the Franciscan Tradition (Spirit and Life : A Journal of Contemporary Franciscanism) by [Anthony M Carrozzo](#)

Homosexuality in the Priesthood and the Religious Life (Paperback) by [Jeannine Gramick](#)

The Forgotten Desert Mothers: Sayings, Lives, and Stories of Early Christian Women by [Laura Swan](#)

Joshua: A Parable for Today (Paperback) by [Joseph Girzone](#)

(\* These two Certificate courses may either be completed over a period of two years beginning during the Novitiate year and completed prior to profession of Solemn Life Vows. Additional time may be granted if needed. Both Certificate courses are required before an FDP member is admitted to profess Solemn Life Vows.)

**Sacraments and Rites of the Church – Certificate** (Choose 6 Courses)

Doors to the Sacred: A Historical Introduction to Sacraments in the Catholic Church by [Joseph Martos](#),  
(Doubleday & Co., Inc. New York, NY Revised version.)

Rite of Baptism for Children/No. 136/22 (Hardcover) by [Catholic Book Publishing Co](#)

Rite of Marriage/No. 238/22 [LARGE PRINT] (Library Binding) by [Catholic Book Publishing Co](#)

Order of Christian Funerals (Hardcover) by [Catholic Book Publishing Co](#)

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass/No. 648/22 by [Catholic Book Publishing Co](#)

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum by [Catholic Book Publishing Co](#)

Communion of the Sick (Paperback) by [Joseph M. Champlin](#)

Rite of Funerals (Hardcover) by [Catholic Church](#)

Book of Blessings (Hardcover) by [Catholic Church](#)

The Process of Admission to Ordained Ministry (Paperback) by [James F. Puglis](#)

**Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite: The Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours : A Manual for Clergy and All Involved in Liturgical Ministries (Paperback)** by [Peter J. Elliott](#)  
**Pastoral Foundations of the Sacraments: A Catholic Perspective** by [Gregory L. Klein](#) & [Robert A. Wolfe](#)  
**From Age to Age: How Christians Have Celebrated the Eucharist** by [Edward Foley](#).  
**The Jewish Antecedents of the Christian Sacraments (Paperback)** by [Frank S.B. Gavin](#)

### **Liturgy and Homiletics – Certificate (Choose 5 Courses)**

**Early Christian Worship: A Basic Introduction to Ideas and Practice** by [Paul F. Bradshaw](#)  
**Introduction To Homiletics (Paperback)** by [Donald E. Demaray](#) & [George G., III Hunter](#)  
**The Liturgical Year: Its History and Its Meaning After the Reform of the Liturgy (Paperback)** by [Adolf Adam](#)  
**The Liturgical Ministry of Deacons: Second Edition (Paperback)** by [Michael Kwatera](#)  
**The Deacon Reader (Paperback)** by [James Keating](#)  
**Deacons and the Church (Paperback)** by [Owen F. Cummings](#)  
**Preaching the Teaching: Hispanics, Homiletics, and Catholic Social Justice Doctrine** by [Kenneth G. Davis](#)  
**Pulpito: An Introduction to Hispanic Preaching** by [Justo L. Gonzalez](#)  
**The Art of the Homily** by [Christopher Webber](#), (Morehouse Publishing Co., 1992)  
**A Priest's Handbook: The Ceremonies of the Church (3rd Edition) (Hardcover)** by [Dennis G. Michno](#)

### **Moral Theology - Certificate**

**The Making of American Liberal Theology: Imagining Progressive Religion** by [Gary J. Dorrien](#)  
**The Moral Theology of Roger Williams: Christian Conviction and Public Ethics** by [James Calvin Davis](#)  
**Separating Church and State: Roger Williams and Religious Liberty** by [Timothy L. Hall](#)  
**Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Moral Courage: Motives and Designs for Ministry in a Troubled World** by [Robert L. Browning](#)  
**Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality** by [John Boswell](#), (University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL, 1980)  
**Principles for a Catholic Morality: Revised Edition (Paperback)** by [Timothy E. O'Connell](#)

### **Pastoral Studies – Certificate (Choose 6 Courses)**

**My Struggle with Faith (Paperback)** (Release Date: September 18, 2007) by [Joseph Girzone](#)  
**Simple Priesthood (Paperback)** by [Sean Connolly](#)  
**Ministry: A Theological, Pastoral Handbook (Paperback)** by [Richard P. McBrien](#)  
**Disciplines for Christian Living: Interfaith Perspectives (Paperback)** by [Thomas P. Ryan](#)  
**Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling: Resources for the Ministry of Healing and Growth** by [Howard John Clinebell](#)  
**Pastoral Counseling: The Basics (Paperback)** by [James E. Dittes](#)

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**Theology and Pastoral Counseling: A New Interdisciplinary Approach** by [Deborah Van Deusen Hunsinger](#)  
**When Women Become Priests (Paperback)** by [Kelley A. Raab](#)  
**Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe (Paperback)** by [John Boswell](#)  
**The Art of Catechesis: What You Need to Be, Know and Do (Paperback)** by [Maureen Gallagher](#)  
**Practical Catechesis: Visions and Tasks for Catechetical Leaders (Paperback)** by [Judith Dunlap](#)  
**AIDS: The Spiritual Dilemma** by [John E. Fortunato](#), (Harper & Row, New York, NY, 1987)  
**People, Promise and Community: A Practical Guide to Creating and Sustaining Small Communities of Faith** by [Bill Edens](#)

### **Spiritual Theology - Certificate**

**Spiritual Masters: Living a Life of Prayer in the Catholic Tradition** by [Alfred Hughes](#)  
**The Church and the Homosexual (Paperback)** by [John J. McNeill](#)  
**Taking a Chance on God: Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians, and Their Lovers, Families, and Friends (Paperback)** by [John J. McNeill](#)

### **Theological Studies – Certificate (Choose 4 Courses)**

**The Imitation of Christ Thomas a Kempis: A Spiritual Commentary And Reader's Guide** by [Dennis Joseph Billy](#)  
**The Shape of Catholic Theology: An Introduction to Its Sources, Principles, and History** by [Aidan Nichols](#)  
**Sacramental Theology: A General Introduction (Paperback)** by [Kenan B. Osborne](#)  
**Aquinas: Selected Writings (Penguin Classics)** by [Thomas Aquinas](#)  
**The First Seven Ecumenical Councils (325-787): Their History and Theology** by [Leo Donald Davis](#)  
**Conscience: Readings in Moral Theology No. 14 (Paperback)** by [Charles E. Curran](#)

### **Eschatology - Certificate**

**The Bible and the Future (Paperback)** by [Anthony A. Hoekema](#)  
**Three Views on the Millennium and Beyond (Paperback)** by [Darrell L. Bock](#)  
**Four Views on the Book of Revelation (Paperback)** by [Jr., Kenneth L. Gentry](#)

### **Ecumenism - Certificate**

**Nicene Christianity: The Future for a New Ecumenism (Paperback)** by [Christopher R. Seitz](#)  
**Speaking the Truth: Ecumenism, Liberation, and Black Theology** by [James H. Cone](#)  
**Joshua and the Shepherd (Paperback)** by [Joseph Girzone](#)

## Course Reflection Papers - Guidelines

A general Reflection paper is required encompassing all of the course titles required for each certificate. Reflection papers must be typed or computer generated (MS Word), in standard type sizes. Unless otherwise stated, your Reflection papers should include a synopsis of the book and a discussion about what knowledge and insight you have gained from reading it; both as it impacts the scope of your learning and your spiritual journey. A critique of the work should then be presented which includes your evaluation of the book and comparisons with other works you may have read covering similar or related areas. The order in which these books are read is at the discretion of the student. Submission of your papers to your mentor or spiritual director and the Directors of the Institute, comprised of the Bishop, the Director of Vocations and the Chancellor, will be allowed by email or via postal mail.

## Spiritual Journal Writing

This component of your seminary program requires you to maintain a personal spiritual journal throughout your time as a seminarian and as a deacon. You should try to make daily entries into your journal about any aspect of your spiritual development that seems pertinent to your journey toward ordination and ministry. This journal discipline is a strictly private exercise and you are under no obligation to share the contents of your journal with anyone. However, a faithfully maintained journal should assist you greatly in discussions with your mentor, the Bishop or other Ordination Evaluation Team members in focusing on specific areas of your spiritual and personal development.

## Disclaimer

Admission to the Christian Studies program of the Holy Trinity Theological Institute of the Trinitarian Catholic Church does not constitute an expressed or implied agreement that any student who completes any of the certificate courses will automatically be ordained as a Deacon or as a Priest in the Trinitarian Catholic Church or any other Church or Jurisdiction. The various courses listed herein lead to a completion Certificate issued by and through the authority of the Trinitarian Catholic Church. The TCC is under no obligation to ordain any person to Holy Orders based solely upon completion of individual Certificate courses. Students pursuing Holy Orders in the Trinitarian Catholic Church who have completed a Certificate course that meets or exceeds the requirements of a comparable course in the Bachelor's Degree Program may submit their work for course credits. Those who are interested in pursuing Holy Orders in the TCC should enroll in the Institute's Religious Studies - Bachelor's Degree Program in preparation for Holy Orders.

## Suggested Reference Works to Add to Your Library

**The Harper Collins Encyclopedia of Catholicism** by Richard P. McBrien, Gen. Ed., (Harper, San Francisco, 1995)

**Handbook of Catholic Theology** by Beinert & Fiorenza, Eds., (Crossroad, New York, 1995)

**The New Dictionary of Theology** by Joseph A. Komonchak, et al., eds., (Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN 1987)

**The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship** by Peter E. Fink, S.J., (Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN 1990)



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