

## Religious Education (see below for G.C.C.S.A.)

The Religious Education Programs provide opportunities for religious educators to deepen their Christian faith and to explore ways for nurturing it in others. The graduate programs in Religious Education are not professional degrees, but intended to enhance the student's practice of their chosen profession. Courses are designed to awaken an intellectual understanding of the Christian tradition, to foster a hope-filled trust in God's promises and to empower an active commitment to the building of the Reign of God. This threefold faith: intellectual, affective, and active becomes the context within which pedagogical approaches are examined and developed in order to enable religious educators to interpret the Christian tradition effectively in contemporary society.

These courses provide a common area of study as well as a base from which students can interact with each other on topics and concerns of mutual interest. Flexibility in the curriculum is provided by making available complementary courses and electives from other programs, so that background needs may be met and personal interest areas explored.

Course content is presented through lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, private research and practical activities. Community spirit is promoted not only through worship and social interaction in the more formal learning situation, but also through participating in extra curricular activities.

The ***Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (G.D.R.E.)*** is a basic diploma with concentrations in Teaching in a Catholic School or Catholic School Administration directed toward the preparation of persons who wish to engage in religious education in both school and parish environments.

The ***Graduate Certificate in Catholic School Administration (G.C.C.S.A.)*** is a basic certificate offered for teachers who are preparing to assume leadership roles in Catholic schools.

The ***Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.)*** is an advanced degree designed for the preparation of specialist Teaching in a Catholic School or Catholic School Administration, thus providing an important contribution for those engaged in teaching, administration, leadership and curriculum development.

## G.C.C.S.A.

### **Academic Requirements**

A bachelor degree plus a teaching certificate or equivalent is required for admission to the program. Candidates with a bachelor degree plus work experience in an educational setting may also be considered.

### **Procedure for Admission**

- Submit a completed Application Form and \$40.00 non-refundable application fee.
- Arrange for transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended to be sent directly to the Registrar's Office from the issuing educational authority. No photocopies permitted.
- Letters of reference from one person qualified to judge the applicant's character and intellectual ability.

## **G.C.C.S.A. Requirements**

The G.C.C.S.A. requires the completion of all four related courses (12 credits). No transfer credits or substitutions are permitted.

### **GENERAL OUTLINE ~ G.C.C.S.A.**

- CSA 571 Foundations of Catholic School Administration (G.D.R.E.)
- CSA 573 Theory & Praxis in Catholic School Administration (G.D.R.E.)
- CSA 585 Selected Topics in Catholic School Administration (M.R.E..)
- CSA 587 Issues in Catholic School Administration (M.R.E.)