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## CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

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### CCS-001 CATHOLICISM

#### COURSE OUTLINE

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Believing Catholic is a matter of knowing, understanding and responding to a story – the true story of God’s love for us. It offers the fundamentals of our faith and considers the behaviors that express our faith and our membership in the church. By being a practicing Catholic, we strengthen our behaviors so we can proclaim them to others.

#### General Course Objectives

1. Know, understand and respond to our Catholic Faith
2. Understand the similarities and differences between the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed
3. Understand the fundamentals of our faith: Incarnation, Salvation, Grace, Church, Trinity, Glory, Sacraments, Prayer, Communion of Saints
4. Explain the meaning of truths in Catholic doctrine and dogma
5. Understand the role of a practicing Catholic: proclaiming the faith to others

#### Course Structure and Highlights

##### Week 1: Understanding our Catholic Faith

- Identify and understand the various influences of “Being Catholic”
- Describe the nature of your Catholic Beliefs

##### Week 2: The Fundamentals of our Catholic Faith

- Define the following concepts: Incarnation, Salvation, Grace, Church, Trinity, and Glory

##### Week 3: The Creeds

- Distinguish between the similarities and differences in the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed

#### **Week 4: Catholic Doctrine and Dogma**

- Explain the meaning of truths in Catholic doctrine and dogma
- Define the following concepts: Sacraments, Prayer, and the Communion of Saints

#### **Week 5: Proclaiming the Catholic Faith**

- Understand and articulate the role and responsibilities of a practicing Catholic

#### **TEXTBOOKS**

[Being Catholic: How We Believe, Practice and Think](#)

#### **REFERENCES**

[Catechism of the Catholic Church.](#)

[The Holy Bible.](#)

#### **Assessment**

Catholicism consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

#### **Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements**

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.