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

CCS-007 ON GOOD SOIL

COURSE OUTLINE

“On Good Soil”: Pastoral Planning for Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults will provide relevant reflection, constructive suggestions and sound orientations for effective, life-giving evangelizing and catechetical ministry with adults.

General Course Objectives

1. Understand the Church’s mission to evangelize and catechize.
2. Explore how we proclaim the gospel message today.
3. Examine the pedagogy of the faith.
4. Understand the fundamental tasks of catechesis.
5. Learn the strategies for the Catholic Church in Canada.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: Church’s Mission to Evangelize and Catechize

- Understand that the Church exists to evangelize.
- Determine the local situation.

Week 2: Proclaiming the Gospel Message Today

- Explore the norms and criteria for presenting the gospel message in catechesis.
- Discuss the role of the Catechism of the Catholic Church within the deposit of the faith.

Week 3: The Pedagogy of the Faith

- Explore divine pedagogy.
- Discover the elements of methodology in regards to divine pedagogy and catechesis.

Week 4: The Harvest is Plentiful

- Learn the fundamental tasks of catechesis.
- Learn the criteria for authentic and effective catechesis.

Week 5: Strategies for the Catholic Church in Canada

- Understand the models of implementation.
- Examine the guidelines, principles and outcomes for pastoral planning.

Textbooks

[*On Good Soil: Pastoral Planning for Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011.*](#)

References

[*Catechism of the Catholic Church.*](#)

[*General Directory for Catechesis.*](#)

[*The Holy Bible.*](#)

Assessment

“On Good Soil” consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, as well as weekly discussions; with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade. Completion of the entire course is determined by either a pass or fail.

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.