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

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CCS-008 THE NEW TESTAMENT

COURSE OUTLINE

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The New Testament will introduce participants to the three worlds of historical background, literary features, and interpretive possibilities of the New Testament; survey the major divisions of the Bible; and present examples of how to interpret the Bible using contemporary methodologies.

**General Course Objectives**

1. The Bible Basics: Reading the Bible in Faith.
2. An Introduction to the New Testament.
3. The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.
4. The Letters of Paul.
5. The Later New Testament Writings.

**Course Structure and Highlights**

**Week 1: Bible Basics: Reading the Bible in Faith**

- Learn about the Bible.
- Consider the Meaning of the Bible.

**Week 2: An Introduction to the New Testament**

- Understand the New Testament

**Week 3: The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles**

- Learn about the Gospel of Matthew.
- Learn about the Gospel of John.

**Week 4: The Letters of Paul**

- Learn about the Romans.
- Learn about the Thessalonians.

**Week 5: The Later New Testament Writings**

- Learn about Peter.
- Learn about Revelation.

### **Textbooks**

[Witherup, Ronald. \*The Bible Companion - A Catholic Handbook for Beginners\*. The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2009.](#)

[Dowley, Tim. \*The Student Bible Atlas\*. Augsburg, Minneapolis.](#)

### **References**

[\*The Holy Bible\*.](#)

### **Assessment**

The New Testament 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.