



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

CCS-011 CHURCH HISTORY I

COURSE OUTLINE

Church History I will provide a basic knowledge and deep appreciation of Church History in the life of the Catholic Church.

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the major time periods in the early history of the Church.
2. Understand the significant historical issues in the life of the early Church.
3. Recognize the important personalities in the Church's long history.
4. Understand how the faith was formed and established.
5. Explore the faith of Christendom, from the birth of the Medieval World to the High Middle Ages.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: The Faith in Formation

- Understand Paul's Dilemma: Christians and Jews in the First Century.
- Explore the Early Church.

Week 2: The Faith in Formation

- Learn about Rome against the Christians: The Story of Perpetua.
- Understand the Church's toleration and its discontents.

Week 3: The Faith Established

- Identify the Search for Purity.
- Explore the Establishment and Collapse of the Church.

Week 4: The Faith of Christendom

- Understand the Birth of the Medieval World.
- Learn about the Carolingian Renaissance and the Ideal of Christendom.

Week 5: The Enduring Presence of Christ in the Church and in the World

- Learn about the Gregorian Reform.
- Examine the High Middle Ages – The Flowering of Religious Life and the Birth of Scholasticism.

Textbooks

[Church History: Faith Handed On. Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series. Loyola Press, 2001.](#)

References

[The Holy Bible](#)

Assessment

Church History I 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.