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

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CCS-012 CHURCH HISTORY II

COURSE OUTLINE

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**Church History II will continue where the course on Church History I concluded.**

**Church History II navigates the participants from the Reformation through the Second Vatican Council into the 21st century. Here, the participants will explore the cultural, political, social and religious factors which influenced the Church's journey, and learn how significant men and women emerged to support and challenge the Church's understanding of herself and her relationship with the world.**

(Prerequisite: CCS-011 Church History I)

**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 Divided**

- Understand Papal Authority in Crisis: The Avignon Popes and the Great Papal Schism.
- Explore the Restoration and the Reform.

**Week 2: The Faith Divided**

- Learn about the Different Varieties of Reform.
- Understand St. Ignatius and the Jesuit Way of Proceeding.

**Week 3: The Faith in a New World**

- Learn about the World at War: Europe in the Seventeenth Century.
- Understand the Catholic Church on the Eve of the Revolution.

#### Week 4: The Faith in an Age of Revolutions

- Learn about the Church and the Scientific Revolution.
- Understand the Reform and its Reaction.

#### Week 5: The Faith in an Age of Revolutions

- Learn about America and Americanism.
- Examine the Early Twentieth Century: Catholic Modernism and the Stirrings of Change

#### **Textbooks**

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

#### **References**

[The Holy Bible.](#)

#### **Assessment**

Church History II 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.