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

CCS-018 THE PRACTICE OF PASTORAL CARE

COURSE OUTLINE

The Practice of Pastoral Care will provide participants with the practical elements required to assist those that are sick, suffering, or dying from an illness.

General Course Objectives

1. Learn about the Pastoral Care of the Sick.
2. Understand Visits to the Sick or the Sick Child.
3. Consider Communion of the Sick and Anointing of the Sick.
4. Learn about the Celebration of Viaticum, the Commendation of the Dying and Prayers for the Dead.
5. Understand the Rites for Exceptional Circumstances.
6. Consider the Readings, Responses and Verses from Sacred Scripture.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: The Pastoral Care of the Sick

- Understand the Apostolic Constitution of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
- Reflect on the Pastoral Care of the Sick.

Week 2: Visits to the Sick

- Understand the Theology of Visiting the Sick.
- Consider the Rites when Visiting the Sick or the Sick Child.
- Understand the Rites of Communion for the Sick.
- Reflect on the Rites of Anointing of the Sick.
- Reflect on the Celebration of Viaticum.
- Understand the Commendation of the Dying and Prayers for the Dead.

Week 3: Communion and Anointing of the Sick

Week 4: Pastoral Care of the Dying

Week 5: Readings, Responses, and Verses from Sacred Scripture

- Learn about the Rites for Exceptional Circumstances.
- Consider the Readings, Responses, and Verses from Sacred Scripture.

Textbooks

The Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Ottawa, 1983.

References

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

[*The Holy Bible.*](#)

Assessment

The Practice of Pastoral Care 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.