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

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CCS-041 HOLY ORDERS

COURSE OUTLINE

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The Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Catholic Church includes three orders: Bishop, Priest, and Deacon. In the phrase "Holy Orders", the word "holy" simply means "set apart for some purpose." The word "order" designates an established civil body or corporation with a hierarchy, and ordination means legal incorporation into an order. In context, therefore, a group with a hierarchical structure that is set apart for ministry in the Church.

**Course Structure and Highlights**

[Lesson 1: Sacraments](#)

[Lesson 2: Do This in Memory of Me](#)

[Lesson 3: Ministers of Grace](#)

[Lesson 4: What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders?](#)

[Lesson 5: Bishops](#)

[Lesson 6: Priests – Part One](#)

[Lesson 7: Priests – Part Two](#)

[Lesson 8: Priestly Formation](#)

[Lesson 9: Deacons](#)

[Lesson 10: Rite of Ordination](#)

**Textbooks**

Online Resources

**References**

[Catechism of the Catholic Church.](#)

[The Code of Canon Law.](#)

[The Holy Bible.](#)

**Assessment**

Holy Orders 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.