



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

CCS-049 PRAYING WITH ICONS

COURSE OUTLINE

Praying With Icons - The Greek word for icon, literally means "image, representation, or portrait" and can refer to a wide array of religious images. However, today an icon typically refers to an image of Jesus, angels, or the saints, usually painted on a wooded panel, and used for prayer. This course will introduce participants to the roots of iconography in the Eastern Church.

Course Structure and Highlights

Lesson One - The History of Icons

Lesson Two -Qualities of Icons and Making Icons

Lesson Three - The Importance of Prayer

Lesson Four - Praying with Body and Spirit

Lesson Five - Christ, Pantocrator - Annunciation, Christ's Nativity

Lesson Six - Theophany, Transfiguration - The Rising of Lazarus

Lesson Seven - The Entry into Jerusalem, The Holy Supper - Crucifixion and Resurrection Icons

Lesson Eight - Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit - Holy Trinity, the Dormition of the Mother of God

Lesson Nine - Devotion to the Saints, The Mother of God of the Sign - Saints Anne and Joachim

Lesson Ten - Saint John the Forerunner, Saint Nicholas - The Wonderworker, Saint George the Dragon Slayer, Saint Sergius, Saint Seraphim

Textbooks

Forest, Jim. *Praying with Icons*.

References

[The Holy Bible.](#)

Assessment

Praying With Icons 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.