



Session 1 - People of Faith
Robin Ryan, CP

September 9, 2021

The opening session of the course will focus on topics that lie at the foundation of our lives as Catholic Christians. We will explore the meaning of revelation and the ways in which people experience God's self-revelation. We will also discuss the dynamics of faith – faith as confession, commitment and confidence. And since in this course we will not only be studying theology but also doing theology, we will reflect on what it means to engage in the work of “theologizing”.

Session 2 - Creation and Covenant
Dianne Bergant, CSA

October 14, 2021

This session will begin with an overview of the Old Testament, focusing on two key components of the Pentateuch or “Torah”: the account of creation that begins the Pentateuch, and the notion of the Covenant that crowns the story of the Exodus. The account of creation in the opening chapters of Genesis reflects the Bible's view of the origin and destiny of humanity. The account of the forging of the Covenant at Sinai reveals God's relationship to the people Israel and the basis for their responsibility to God. Both notions are important for the theology of creation that is becoming more and more crucial today.

Session 3 - The Call to Prophecy
Kate Oxsen, PhD

November 11, 2021

The emergence of the prophetic movement in Israel is also a key component of the Old Testament and will be the focus of this session. Major prophets such as Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah, and Isaiah speak as the “conscience” of Israel, challenging the infidelities of the monarchy and calling the people back to their bond of love with God. We are aware that such a role continues in the church and our world—in those people of integrity who speak the truth in times of need.

Session 4 - The Gospels as the Heart of the New Testament
Don Senior, CP

February 10, 2022

The Four Gospels are the primary source for the Christian encounter with Jesus Christ. This session will trace the Catholic perspective on the emergence and purpose of the Gospels; their rich diversity; and their unique way of proclaiming the mission, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As Pope Francis has reminded us, the heart of the Christian life is an encounter with the Jesus of the Gospels.

Session 5 - Paul, Apostle for the Twenty-First Century
Don Senior, CP

March 10, 2022

The Letters of Paul form a major part of the New Testament and continue to serve as a challenge to the ongoing renewal of the Church. This session will recall the inaugural experience of Paul and some of the key convictions of his theology, particularly his emphasis on the dying and rising of Christ as the pattern for Christian life. Some of the most powerful images for the life of the church are found in Paul's writings.

Session 6 - Gazing on the Face of Christ
Robin Ryan, CP

April 14, 2022

Every Christian has an image of Jesus Christ that informs their faith. This image is like a mosaic that is comprised of pieces drawn from many different sources and experiences. It is important for believers to allow that image to interact with key sources in the Christian tradition: the New Testament portraits of Jesus; the official teachings formulated in the councils of the early church; the work of classical theologians and spiritual writers; and contemporary reflection on Jesus articulated from a variety of perspectives. In this session participants will be invited to reflect on their own portrait of Jesus and allow it to be enriched and refined through interaction with these sources.