

Understanding the American Catholic Experience

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Within our Catholic Church, the past is never *just* the past; rather, it informs and shapes our future. This course takes a look at the social history of the Catholic Church in America and participants will be challenged to see how that history has formed the present reality of the American Catholic Experience. It begins with the Age of Democracy and the earliest days of the Catholic Church in the United States and moves through the experiences of the Irish, German, Italian, Polish and Mexican immigrant groups. The course ends with a brief look at the reform movements of the early to mid-twentieth century.



An Introduction to Sacraments

Saturday, January 18, 2020



We celebrate the sacraments each week and throughout our lifetime, but do we truly understand the great mystery that they are? This course begins with an overview of the meaning of sacraments and their foundation and continues with a brief exploration of each sacrament. Participants will gain a deeper appreciation for the sacraments and their celebration in our lives.

Biblical Literary Forms

Saturday, February 22, 2020



The Bible is a library of texts and as such, it contains different genres and types of writing. As we approach Sacred Scripture, we should have an understanding of the audience, context and literary form of each book. This course will explore some of the main literary forms in the Bible and help us deepen our appreciation for Sacred Scripture as we apply the literary form to the text.



What is Ministry?

Saturday, March 21, 2020

By virtue of our baptism, all Catholics are called to the mission of evangelization and being lay ministers, living out the baptismal call to be priest, prophet and king. This course invites participants to explore models of the Church, and the role of the laity coming from Vatican II, as well as understanding this baptismal call. Participants will be introduced to the four areas of formation from *CoWorkers in the Vineyard of the Lord* and the modules from *Building Intercultural Competency for Ministers*, both publications of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Other topics and activities include communication and learning styles, multiple intelligences and pathways to prayer.