Course 3: Christ and the Church

3.1: Christology and Creed

Objectives:
1. Examine the nature and person of Jesus Christ as witnessed by the Gospel writers
2. Review the development, meaning, and function of the Apostle’s and Nicene Creeds
3. Highlight how the Church’s Christology developed through the major Christological Councils
4. Explore the implications of the Church’s Christology on the ministry of catechesis

3.2: Church History I: Pentecost through the Middle Ages

Objectives:
1. Examine some of the crucial developments of the Church in the eras of the Apostolic, First Millennium, and Medieval Church (700-1500)
2. Identify some significant individuals in these eras
3. Illustrate some of the implications of these eras for the church today

3.3: Church History II: Reformation through the Eighteenth Century

Objectives:
1. Examine some of the crucial developments of the Church of the Reformation/Counter-Reformation era (1500-1620), the Baroque era (1630-1740), and the Eighteenth Century
2. Investigate the beginnings of the Missionary movement to the New World
3. Illustrate some of the implications of these eras for the church today

3.4: Church History III: Nineteenth Century through Today

Objectives:
1. Examine some of the crucial developments of the Church in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
2. Explore the development of the Catholic Church in North America
3. Explore the spiritual, social, political and economic climate which led to Vatican II
4. Identify the themes and implications of the documents of Vatican II
5. Summarize some of the areas of ongoing development in the Church today
3.5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue

Objectives:

1. Identify the purpose of both Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue, and clarify the distinction between them
2. Examine key teachings of the Catholic Church regarding Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue
3. Explore implications of Catholic teaching on ecumenical and interfaith relationships in terms of service to the world
4. Review the Church’s guidelines (e.g., NDC) for catechesis in ecumenical and interfaith relationships