Pastoral School of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America

First Year Courses – Pastoral Theology and Orthodox Studies

Fall Semester

History and Principles of the Orthodox Church (3 units) Byzantine History (3 units) Survey of Scripture I – Old Testament (3 units)

Spring Semester

The Russian Church (3 units)

Prerequisite: Byzantine History

The Mysteries of the Church (3 units)

• Prerequisite: History and Principles of the Orthodox Church

Survey of Scripture II – New Testament (3 units)

• Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I

Summer Semester

SEE BELOW

Second Year Courses - Pastoral Theology and Orthodox Studies

Fall Semester

Orthodox Apologetics (3 units)

• Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I & II

Dogmatic Theology (3 units)

• Prerequisite: Mysteries of the Church

Survey of Canon Law (3 units)

• Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I & II

Spring Semester

Survey of the Fathers (3 units)

• Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I & II

The Orthodox Church in the 20th & 21st Century (3 units)

• Prerequisite The Russian Church & Byzantine History

The Church and the Pastor – Pastoral Theology (3 units)

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The Church and the Layworker – Orthodox Studies (3 units)

Prerequisites: Orthodox Apologetics, Dogmatic Theology, Survey of Canon Law

Summer Semester

SEE BELOW

Third Year Courses - Pastoral Theology and Orthodox Studies

Fall Semester

Thesis (3 units)
Practicum (3 units)

Spring Semester

Thesis (3 units)
Practicum (3 units)

Comprehensive Examination & Thesis Defense

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Summer Semester Courses

Required for Graduation

- PASTORAL THEOLOGY MAJORS: Church Slavonic (3 units)*
- PASTORAL THEOLOGY MAJORS: Liturgeis (9 units)*
- PASTORAL THEOLOGY -&- ORTHODOX STUDIES MAJORS: Parish Operations and Management (3 units)

Recommended Courses

- Homiletics (3 units)
- New Testament Latin (3 units)
- New Testament Greek (3 units)
- Thesis Writing Workshop (3 units)
- Advanced Byzantine Canon Law (3 units)
- Advanced Church Slavonic
- The Pivotal Points in the History of Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia
- Survey of Mental Illness for the Pastor

It is recommended that the summer courses be taken in the following order, although none of the summer courses have prerequisites so one could take them in any order over the course of multiple summers:

Summer Semester Year 1: Liturgics, Church Slavonic

Summer Semester Year 2: Non-Profit Small Business/Parish Management, Thesis Writing Workshop

Summer Semester Year 3 (following graduation): Latin or Greek, Homiletics or Advanced Byzantine Canon Law, Advanced Church Slavonic, History of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia

*These courses can be taken via the Summer Residency Program at Novo-Diveevo Convent in Nanuet, NY and this is the ideal if at all possible, or via the Pastoral School's e-campus. These course are not required for those in the Orthodox Studies Program.

Catechist Program

The one-year Catechist Program consists of a cadre of students and mentor/instructors that utilize the e-Classroom for their course to cover topics important for catechists to master in order to successfully prepare candidates for baptism, baptism sponsors, and those who will be wed in the Church. Topics include, but are not limited to: the Holy Scriptures, Theology of the Orthodox Church, Orthodox Cosmology and Anthropology, Orthodox Soteriology and Ecclesiology, History of the Church, the Liturgical Life of the Church, Comparative Theology, Orthodox Family Life, the Mystery of Baptism, the Mystery of Marriage, as well as other pertinent topics.

Deaconate Program

Fall Semester

History and Principles of the Orthodox Church (3 units) Byzantine History (3 units - RECOMMENDED) Survey of Scripture I – Old Testament (3 units)

Spring Semester

The Russian Church (3 units)

• Recommended Prerequisite: Byzantine History

The Mysteries of the Church (3 units)

• Prerequisite: History and Principles of the Orthodox Church

Survey of Scripture II – New Testament (3 units)

• Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I

Summer Semester

- Church Slavonic (3 units)
- Liturgeis (9 units)

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