



## Certificate in Teaching Religion

### Rationale

In line with its mission of contributing toward the formulation of able professionals and leaders for church and nation and actively addressing vital contemporary social and moral issues, DLSU offers a Certificate Program in Teaching Religion.

After the Second Vatican Council which ushered in the age of the laity, formation centers for catechists or evangelization became an urgent need in the church. The Philippines has Catholic/parochial schools at elementary and high school levels which are always in need of qualified religion teachers. Parishes that sponsor seminars for adult formation can find it much easier and less costly to send active parishioners to a formation center. The Certificate in Teaching Religion is a response to these needs.

### Objectives

- To provide an enrichment course for catechists, secondary school teachers, parish workers.
- To provide sufficient background in theology/religious education for catechists and parish lay associates who wish to pursue graduate studies in religious education

### Course Description

#### Catholic Doctrines

3 units

This course seeks to present a synthesis of the fundamental doctrines of the Catholic faith in the light of Vatican Council II. It provides content for the study of the twelve articles of the Creed. This is undertaken in the light of the Philippine situation. With these are the references to the teaching of the Catholic Faith Catechism (CFC). The course studies the summary of the baptismal profession of faith.

#### Church

3 units

The course deals with the study of the Church's origin, nature, function, structure and mission in the world; the aspects which the Second Vatican Council wishes to answer in its two major documents: *Lumen Gentium* and *Gaudium et Spes*.

#### Sacred Scripture 1: Old Testament

3 units

This course introduces the students to the background content, literary quality and message of the Old Testament as a whole and of its various books.



## **Sacraments**

3 units

This course focuses on the worship dimension of the Christian Faith. The discussion of the seven sacraments will be grounded in both Christ as the Primordial Sacrament and the Church as the Foundational Sacrament.

## **Sacred Scripture II**

3 units

This course provides the foundation for Christology, theology of the Church and Ministry. Towards the end of the course, the students must be able to apply exegesis on Certain New Testament passages.

## **Catechetics I**

3 units

The course is divided into two parts; the first on the contents of Catholic Faith Catechism (CFC), the second with methodology wherein discussion of the NCDP's Integration approach is coupled with practicum, Hence the catechists will do actual lesson planning and lesson demonstration by group.

## **Catechetics II**

3 units

Through lectures and class discussions, the participants will be introduced to the theories and principles underlying specific pastoral activities expected from them as religious educators. Particular attention will be given to PCP II documents.

## **Catholic Moral Teaching**

3 units

This course is an introduction to the ethical teachings of the Roman Catholic Church for catechists working in the contemporary Philippine Context.

## **Catholic Social Teachings**

3 units

This is a study of the social teachings of the Church with emphasis on integral human development and praxis theology.

## **Christian Integration/Synthesis**

3 units

This course is a synthesis of the previous major courses, reflection on them and practical applications to the ministries in which the students are involved.