## CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

### SCRIPTURE

**The Prayerbook of Jesus: An Introduction to the Book of Psalms**  
CE-SS100-SW (½ CEU)  
Biblical psalms are the foundation of Christian and Jewish prayer. This course examines the history of the Book of Psalms as a canonical compilation of prayers in the Bible. The course will begin with the origins of the psalms in the ancient Near East and conclude with the place the Book of Psalms has, as the Church’s prayerbook, in Roman Catholic prayer. Along the way, the course will explore the use of psalms in ancient Judaism, early Christianity, and the medieval Church.  
Instructor: Adam Plescia, PhD  
5 weeks, Tuesdays beginning Jan. 21  
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Seminary Education Center Room 115  
Distance Learning available at St. Leo the Great, Amherst ($65)

**Short Stories by Jesus: The Parables**  
CE-SS101-SW (½ CEU)  
In the 2,000 years since Jesus preached, his preferred method of teaching—the parables—have been sanitized, spiritualized, allegorized, and domesticated. This course will examine the parables in a fresh light: after understanding the form for a parable and Jesus’ cultural context, we will work to recapture the radical and provocative messages of these brilliant and multilayered stories by the master religious teacher. There is an optional sixth class at the seminary on “Preaching the Parables” for anyone (clergy, pre-theology, or lay person) who wishes to attend.  
Instructor: Deacon Donald Weigel, MAT  
5 weeks, Tuesdays beginning Mar. 3  
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Seminary Education Center Room 115  
Distance Learning available at St. Leo the Great, Amherst ($65)

**Consider attending the Dinner Lecture “How Does Jesus Relate to Moses and the Prophets in the Gospel of Luke?” on April 2**

### ETHICS & SPIRITUALITY

**Dorothy Day: An Unlikely Saint for Our Time**  
CE-MO43-SW (½ CEU)  
Dorothy Day has been many things: an activist, journalist, radical, bohemian, mother, convert, mystic, prophet, founder of the Catholic Worker movement, and a faithful daughter of the Church. Through an examination of her life and writing, this course will examine Dorothy Day’s commitment to the Church’s teachings on economic and social justice and her challenges to the Church when she felt it departed from Gospel principles. Participants will discover how this often disparaged woman of faith became an influential figure in American Catholicism.  
Instructor: Paul Lubieniecki, PhD  
5 weeks, Thursdays beginning Mar. 5  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Seminary Education Center Room II9  
($65)

### PASTORAL STUDIES

**Christian Caregiving: Introduction to Nursing Home Spiritual Care**  
CE-PSFEN-10W (1 CEU)  
Have you ever felt drawn to visit the sick? Being present to those in nursing care is a corporal act of mercy. Here is an opportunity to learn about caregiving in a nursing home and have a hands-on experience in a supervised environment. An initial seminary campus session will prepare students for the nursing home setting. On-site experiences will follow over eight weeks at a health care facility under the supervision of a nursing home chaplain; a final session at the seminary will be for reflection.  
Location: Father Baker Manor, Orchard Park  
Location: Beechwood Home and Blocher Home, Amherst  
Location: Brothers of Mercy, Clarence  
Assignments are chosen, and class time determined, in consultation with Kathleen Castillo, director of field education.  
Contact Ms. Castillo at (716) 655 7094 or kcastillo@cks.edu ($130)
CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS
THROUGH OUR PRE-THEOLOGY PROGRAM

Introduction to Thomas Aquinas
CE-SY520-15W (2 CEU)
St. Thomas had a great zeal for learning and for teaching. His care and love for students can be seen in the opening lines of his great Summa theologæ, but also in polemical works such as the De unitate intellectus contra Averroistas, wherein he castigates his opponents for taking advantage of students not prepared to deal with matters too great for them. He is not only a teacher but a master pedagogue. His great summæ are not simply means of communicating information but of shaping souls and forming persons both cognitively and affectively. This course is designed to shape the student into a passionate and accurate reader of St. Thomas and instill the foundations of habits for reading the Angelic Doctor.

Instructor: Eric Mabry, PhD
15 weeks, Mondays beginning Jan. 27
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Seminary Education Center Room 221
($250)

Consider attending the Dinner Lecture about St. Thomas Aquinas on March 17

Modern & Postmodern Philosophy
CE-PH355-15W (2 CEU)
Modernity and postmodernity present a number of challenges to the Christian philosopher, but they also offer unprecedented opportunities for intellectual creativity. Instead of inducing gloom and doom, the developments and changes of recent centuries ought to be met with the same spirit of inquiry and wonder that drives all our understanding. As thinkers developing within a tradition that is both ever ancient and ever new, we are called to understand and address the questions that dictate our own historical milieu. This will be the primary aim of this course.

Instructor: Matthew Thollander, MCS
15 weeks, Mondays beginning Jan. 27
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Seminary Education Center Room 117
($250)

Consider taking a pre-theology course as a great introduction to prepare for graduate-level studies.

Religion in the United States
CE-RS150-15W (2 CEU)
Learn the history of religion in the United States, together with a consideration of the relationship between religion and American culture. In this course, you will find an overview of the major religious communities in the United States, and discuss the Catholic Church’s teachings on ecumenism, the promotion of cooperation and unity among Christians.

Instructor: Dennis Castillo, PhD
15 weeks, Thursdays beginning Jan. 23
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Seminary Education Center Room 117
($250)

Latin II
CE-LAT102-15W (2 CEU)
Together with prerequisite course CE-LAT101, this course provides graduate students with basic skills needed to read and translate a variety of texts including biblical, ecclesiastical, and classical sources. Knowing of morphology and syntax facilitates the completion of assigned elementary exercises drawn from “Golden Age” authors, the Vulgate Bible, the Roman Rite and official Church documents.

Instructor: Rev. Alfons Osiander
15 weeks, Wednesdays beginning Jan. 22
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Seminary Education Center Room 117
($250)

Consider attending the Dinner Lecture “Religious Liberty in the United States” on March 5

3rd Annual International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry
February 28–29, 2020
For more information visit cks.edu/ICCPTM
For information about diocesan catechist formation requirements, please contact the Dept. of Lifelong Faith Formation, LLFF@buffalodiocese.org

**Pastoral Skills**

**Ministry Essentials II: Skills and Practices***

CE-SY5II-12W (1 ½ CEU)

The secret to parish success is less about doing more things, and more about doing the right things. This course offers parish leaders the essential principles, processes, and practices for the right things. These essentials include: purposeful life and time management, empowering volunteers, planning for impact, team building, engaging Catholic families, leading public prayer, encouraging holiness in our youth, feeding the spiritual hungers of young adults, game-changing strategies for evangelization, leading like a servant, effective communication, forging unity through diversity, and collaborative decisions.

**Instructor:** Dennis Mahaney, MDiv, MA

12 weeks

No pre-requisite for ME II

*This course is approved for catechist and Catholic school teacher formation

**Evangelization – The Game Changer**

CE-PS48-10W (1 CEU)

Thriving parishes are seizing a new moment inspired by Pope Francis. In this course, parish leaders will gain confidence in their own faith story; explore the who, what, how, and why of Catholic evangelization; consider best practices; and learn how to evangelize in any setting using five simple steps: prepare, equip, connect, welcome, and engage. Learn how a few simple ideas can boost your excitement for evangelization, tap into a spirituality that is sure to sustain you, and discover the secret to outreach with today’s exiles—the prodigals, the nomads as well as the resilient young Catholics.

**Instructor:** Dennis Mahaney, MDiv, MA

10 weeks, Wednesdays beginning Jan. 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Catholic Center, Conference Room #3, 795 Main Street, Buffalo ($35)

**Coming This Summer**

**Summer Institute 2020**

**Thomas Merton: Writer and Mystic**

Thursday, June 11–Monday, June 15

Join us to discuss, study, and discover the works of Thomas Merton, Trappist monk and best-selling author. His life and ideas recorded in countless books, journals, and letters are still relevant today over fifty years after his death.

**Friday**

Jan Sheridan • Rev. Daniel Riley, OFM • Jon M. Sweeney

**Saturday**

Panel of Jon M. Sweeney, Paul Lubieniecki, PhD, Rev. Bob Wild, & Christine Bochen, PhD

**Sunday**

Paul Lubieniecki, PhD • Christine Bochen, PhD
Jane Brady & Rev. John Mack

For more information visit cks.edu/institute
**Group Spiritual Direction**

The facilitator will guide the attendees in the understanding and process of group spiritual direction and will provide spiritual insights and questions for reflection in preparation for each session.

**Facilitator:** Jan Sheridan, MA  
Saturdays, Feb. 15, Mar. 14, Apr. 25  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Seminary Education Center, Theological Reflection Room 217 (2nd floor)  
Free-will offering; attend as many as you wish.

**How to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours**

The Liturgy of the Hours is a formal rite for public worship that is prayed at certain hours of the day. The Liturgy of the Hours contains psalms and readings that were proclaimed by Jesus in the Temple and the saints throughout history. Come learn how to pray this sacred liturgy and to bring it to communal worship in your parish or in your personal life and help “build a bridge between the earthly and heavenly realms.” The Liturgy of the Hours, as a tradition with ancient roots from the Church, can help draw all the faithful into a closer relationship with the Divine.

**Facilitator:** Rev. John Adams  
Wednesday, March 4  
**Location:** St. John Vianney Chapel  
Choose one of the two sessions:

**Session 1**  
3:00 – 4:45 p.m. Learning Session  
5:00 p.m Evening Prayer  
Optional dinner

**Session 2**  
5:00 p.m Evening Prayer  
Optional dinner  
6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Learning Session

To register contact Gayle Mann at (716) 805 1438 or gmann@cks.edu.  
($15 optional dinner, preregistration required)

**SPRING DINNER LECTURES**

Christ the King Seminary Main Dining Room  
5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. lecture | $35 dinner & lecture, $25 lecture only  
Visit cks.edu/dinnerlectures to register online. Registration is required.

**Religious Liberty in the United States**  
**Thursday, March 5** • Dennis Castillo, PhD  
Take a closer look at the origins of religious liberty in colonial America, including the Constitution and the First Amendment. This lecture will also address current issues of religious freedom in today’s context.

**The Life & Times of Brother Thomas de Aquino: An Introduction to His Spiritual Exercises**  
**Tuesday, March 17** • Eric Mabry, PhD  
St. Thomas is often regarded as a theologian whose head was “in the clouds,” someone who was “out of touch” with the real world. Likewise, his famous Summa Theologiae is usually treated as a kind of theological encyclopedia. This presentation challenges both of these (false) narratives by introducing people to the historical complexities of the life of St. Thomas and familiarizing them with the spiritual dimensions of his great Summa.

**How Does Jesus Relate to Moses and the Prophets in the Gospel of Luke?**  
**Thursday, April 2** • Adam Plescia, PhD  
In his book Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict begins his reflection on the mystery of Jesus with the book of Deuteronomy and how Jesus fulfills the long awaited hope of a new Moses. This lecture explores the prophetic dimension of Jesus’ depiction in Luke’s Gospel and proposes ways in which Luke’s unique message can be applied in the Church today.

**Coming This Summer**

**Summer Dinner Lecture Series**

**June 24** • Dennis Castillo, PhD, “The Historical Development of Discipleship”  
**July 8** • Eric Mabry, PhD, “Making Deserts into Eden(s): Pope Francis’ Theology of Conversion”
WORKSHOPS, RETREATS, & SEMINARS

SPRING RETREAT

Sacred Journey Through Light: Stained Glass Illuminations

Presented by Sr. Ann Therese Kelly, CSSF

Humankind has always been fascinated by the light that is reflected through a stained glass window. In Christian places of worship they tell the faithful stories about Jesus Christ, the apostles, and saints. Traditionally, the glass artist follows a liturgical text or a biblical story, becoming a spiritual witness to Christ in the artisan’s craft, inspired by the use of light, color, and symbolic imagery to bring us to contemplation and effective inspired prayer.

In this retreat we will use stained glass as a tool for transformation through contemplation of a visual nature. We will reflect on our lives in a way we have never before experienced, viewing historical stained glass as well as creating our own art.

Sister Ann Therese Kelly, CSSF is a professor of fine arts at Felician University in Lodi, New Jersey and Villa Maria College in Buffalo.

March 20–21
Retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday
and ends on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
Saturday only option, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Christ the King Seminary, St. Teresa Residence Hall
$90 for overnight attendees, $50 Saturday only

Coming This Summer

JULY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT
Sunday July 12 – Friday July 17


SPRING WORKSHOP

Unraveling the Mystery of Triduum: The Three Days

Presented by Rev. Seán Paul Fleming & Alan Lukas

The Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Vigil—is steeped with mystery and the reality of the final days of Jesus’ journey through death to new life in the Resurrection. If you are in a parish leadership role (such as pastoral administrator, liturgy committee member, or sacristan) or a parishioner who wants to gain a fuller understanding of the rituals of the Triduum, consider attending this workshop to deepen your faith this Easter with a fuller appreciation of the Triduum celebrations.

Saturday, March 28
8:45 a.m. registration & coffee, program 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Seminary Education Center, Room 116 or Auditorium
$25 lunch included. Graduate students covered by formation fee.

For further information about workshops, retreats, and seminars, contact Douglas George at (716) 655 7091 or dgeorge@cks.edu.

Liturgies on Campus

Please check the events section of our website for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, and Friday Adoration & Evening Prayer.

Solemn Evening Vespers
Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 p.m.
St. John Vianney Chapel
Christ the King Seminary offers a comprehensive continuing education program for those who wish to enrich their Christian lives, increase their knowledge of theology and scripture, or better prepare for ministry. Many students attend classes purely for personal enrichment; others choose to pursue a Certificate of Continuing Education in Theological Studies.

The Certificate of Continuing Education in Theological Studies is awarded to a student after the successful completion of 12 CEUs (continuing education courses/units). If you would like further information on earning a certificate, contact Douglas George, Director of Lay Formation at (716) 655 7091.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

Students opting to take continuing education courses for personal enrichment are not required to complete tests, papers or assignments and therefore do not receive a grade. A previously non-graded course will not be considered for CEUs toward a certificate.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Refund Policy: A full refund may be granted if requested in writing prior to the first day of class. No refund can be given after the first day of class.

Financial Aid may be available to certificate and graduate program students. Contact Nancy Ehlers, (716) 655 7085, or visit the finance office for more information.

Textbook Lists are available at cks.edu under Continuing Education: Spring 2020 Textbook Requirements, or by calling (716) 655 7081. Textbooks are available at most bookstores or online. Please purchase prior to the first day of class.

Diocesan-related courses are specially priced and may be used toward earning a Continuing Education (CE) certificate. For further information, please contact Douglas George, Director of Lay Formation at (716) 655 7091, email dgeorge@cks.edu.

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Register on or before JAN 17 for Pre-theology & Continuing Education Classes
Spring 2020 REGISTRATION Form

Due to limited seats available, we request you preregister for classes or events as early as possible.

☐ CE-MO43-SW  Dorothy Day: An Unlikely Saint for Our Time ($65)
☐ CE-SS100-SW  The Prayerbook of Jesus: An Introduction to the Book of Psalms ($65)
☐ Seminary or ☐ St. Leo’s, Amherst
☐ CE-SS101-SW  Short Stories by Jesus: The Parables ($65)  ☐ Seminary or ☐ St. Leo’s, Amherst
☐ CE-PFEN-10W  Christian Caregiving: Introduction to Nursing Home Spiritual Care ($130)
☐ CE-SY31-12W  Ministry Essentials II: Skills and Practices ($35)  Select One:
   ☐ Christ the King Seminary (2:00 p.m.) or ☐ Catholic Center (6:30 p.m.)
☐ CE-PS48-10W  Evangelization – The Game Changer ($35)
☐ CE-SY55-15W  Modern & Postmodern Philosophy ($250)
☐ CE-PS10-15W  Religion in the United States ($250)
☐ CE-LATI2-15W  Latin II ($250)

☐ SPIR. DIR.  Group Spiritual Direction ☐ Feb. 15 ☐ Mar. 14 ☐ Apr. 25 (free-will offering)
☐ LIT. HRS.  How to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours ☐ Session 1 ☐ Session 2 ☐ Dinner ($15)
☐ WKSHOP  Unraveling the Mystery of Triduum: The Three Days ($25)
☐ RETREAT  Sacred Journey Through Light ☐ $90 overnight or ☐ $50 Saturday only
☐ DL-MAR5  Religious Liberty in the U.S. ☐ $35 dinner & lecture or ☐ $25 lecture only
☐ DL-MAR17  The Life & Times of Brother Thomas de Aquino
     ☐ $35 dinner & lecture or ☐ $25 lecture only
☐ DL-APR2  How Does Jesus Relate to Moses ☐ $35 dinner & lecture or ☐ $25 lecture only

Last Name    First Name    MI

Street Address

City     State     Zip

Home Phone  ☐ Work or ☐ Cell phone

E-mail Address    Parish

Spring 2020 REGISTRATION Form

☐ I am enrolled in the Continuing Education Certificate Program
☐ I am not enrolled in the certificate program; I am taking the course for personal enrichment

I have previously attended a:
☐ Graduate course
☐ Con. Ed. course
☐ Workshop/Lecture

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Total Due: $_________

Signature of Applicant    Date

☐ Check enclosed  (payable to Christ the King Seminary)
☐ Please charge my tuition to my:
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   ☐ American Express

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PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Complete credit card information or make check payable to Christ the King Seminary.

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