

Boston College School of Theology and Ministry - *C21 Online*

Curriculum Map 2008-2011

Curricular Thread	Mini-Courses	Courses			
Profession of Faith a) Scripture	<i>Birth of Jesus</i> <i>Death of Jesus</i>	<i>Encountering Mark, Matthew and Luke: The Synoptic Gospels</i>	Gospel of John*	Early Church Communities: Acts of the Apostles and Pauline Letters*	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*
b) Themes		<i>The Creed: What We Believe</i>	<i>What Makes Us Catholic: 1 and 2</i>	History of the Catholic Church*	<i>Women Envisioning Church</i>
The Sacraments	Eucharist*	<i>Sacraments in the Life of the Church</i>			
The Moral Life	Undesignated*	<i>Christian Faith and Moral Character</i>	Moral Decision-Making*	Catholic Social Teaching*	
Spirituality	Ignatian Spirituality*	<i>Spirituality Matters</i>	<i>Parents Handing on the Faith</i>	A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life*	
Specialty Themes	Good Preaching Practices*	<i>Teaching Religion: Creative Strategies and Best Practices</i> (elem and jr hi)	Teaching Religion: Creative Strategies and Best Practices for high school*		KEY: <i>bold italics</i> - existing course + under development * future development

The C21 Online curriculum is mapped in **five different curricular threads**. The first four threads correspond to the outline of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The final thread expresses specialty themes that support certain projects or constituencies, e.g., the Teaching Religion course supports our work with Catholic School teachers.

A **mini-course** introduces each curricular thread. Features that distinguish a mini-course from a course: 1) they are always available on the public web site; 2) they may be interactive with such features as self-check quizzes but they do not have facilitated discussion; 3) they are free of charge,

Participants can explore a curricular thread more fully by taking a **course**. Features that distinguish a course from a mini-course: 1) they are offered periodically according to a schedule announced each year; 2) they always have facilitated discussion to encourage deeper inquiry and appropriation; 3) participants need to register and pay a fee.

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Course Development Philosophy: What Can I Expect from a C21 Online Course?

- C21 Online courses are **designed by well-regarded theologians and religious educators**, usually Boston College faculty. Each course employs a movement from life experience to the faith tradition to life application.
- C21 Online courses always **start with a resource** (often by Boston College faculty), around which meaningful and substantive content and conversation can develop.
- Most C21 Online courses are designed to have **two different scholarly voices** in their foundational resources. For example, Encountering Mark, Matthew and Luke: The Synoptic Gospels uses articles by Dr. Philip A. Cunningham and videos by Fr. Michael Himes; Spirituality Matters uses a book by Dolores Leckey and videos by Fr. Michael Himes.
- We **honor different types of learners** with both a written resource (in the form of a book or articles) and an audio/visual resource for each course. When a book is used, participants are responsible for obtaining it. When articles are used they are available for download and printing, either from the course site or on the Internet. Audio/visual resources are offered as streaming video available from the course site.
- In C21 Online courses, participants are invited to share a **best spiritual practice** and/or make a decision to deepen their spiritual practice that is related to the specific course content.
- C21 Online courses are designed to be **communal experiences**. The heart of each course includes an online discussion community, facilitated by an experienced religious educator. The purpose of this discussion is to engage the wisdom and experience of participants in ways that will invite them to embrace their faith more deeply and to support them in living out their faith.

Certificates from C21 Online

- C21 Online will award a *Certificate of Active Participation* for individual courses to students who post at least 3 messages of substance for each week of a course.
- C21 Online offers CEUs to Active Participants upon request.
- C21 Online will award a *Certificate of Online Continuing Education* for completion of any 5 courses as Active Participants.
- In partnership with the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, C21 Online will award an *Online Certificate of Basic Catechesis* to Active Participants in 5 courses. One course will be required from each of the following designated areas:
 - Profession of Faith
 - Sacraments and Worship
 - Morality
 - Spirituality
 - Special Issues for Ministry
- A diocese or parish or other entity has the option of using C21 Online courses to support their certification process. For example, they may select specific C21 Online courses for customized certification.
- Further information is available. Contact Chris Kowalcky 617-552-4075 or Barbara Radtke 617-552-8440.

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