



PAUL VI PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE
of Catechetical and Pastoral Studies

Certificate of Catholic Medical Moral Catechesis

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ST 101 CATECHISM I: BASIC CATHOLIC DOCTRINE (2 credits) A study of the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic faith as outlined in the Creed and described in Part I of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC).

LT 101 CATECHISM II: CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL & LITURGICAL THEOLOGY (2 credits) A study of the theology of the seven sacraments as revealed by their origin, development and liturgical celebration as described in Part II of the CCC.

MT 101 CATECHISM III: FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC MORALITY (2 credits) A study of the foundational principles of moral theology and the fundamental moral teachings emphasizing that the way of Christ “leads to life,” as described in Part III

SP 101 CATECHISM IV: INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY (2 credits) This introduction to Catholic spirituality and the life of prayer as a personal relationship with the “living God” covers the nature and meaning of prayer, prayer in scripture and tradition, types of prayer, obstacles to prayer and the Our Father as the model prayer. Based on Part IV of the CCC.



SS 101 INTRODUCTION TO SACRED SCRIPTURE

(2 credits) A general survey of the Old and New Testament scriptures from a literary, historical and theological perspective, and an introduction to basic principles of Catholic scriptural interpretation. *(This course can be taken at any point during the program.)*

PH 101 CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY FOR CATECHESIS (2 credits) In Fides et Ratio, John Paul II taught that true philosophical formation is an essential preparation for the “defense of human dignity and the proclamation of the Gospel message” (no. 102). Drawing on the perennial philosophy that has characterized the best of Western thought and has been taken up into the Church’s own reflection, this course will introduce students to an overview of the discipline and apply philosophical principles to issues such as evangelization, relativism, social order, human formation, and sexuality.



ST 103 THEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (2 credits) This course contemplates the dignity of the human person created in the image of God. It examines concepts pivotal to the understanding of the person such as the intellect and will, the passions and love, freedom, immortality of the soul, nature and grace. In explaining these concepts, the course will rely heavily on the work of St. Thomas Aquinas and Pope John Paul II.

MT 104 CATHOLIC MEDICAL MORAL ISSUES: *Beginning of Life*

(2 credits) This course will respectfully consider the dignity of the person from the moment of conception. It will also thoughtfully consider the writings of Pope John Paul II in *The Theology of the Body* in order to reflect on the sacredness of human sexuality and family life. It will examine the uses of medical technologies that coincide with the dignity of the person and sexuality, and the use of technologies that violate it.



MT 105 CATHOLIC MEDICAL MORAL ISSUES: *End of Life*

(2 credits) Human dignity must be respected both in the preservation of life and in the accepting of the end of life. This course will define the concepts of ordinary and extraordinary means of preserving life. It will include an examination of medical technologies that preserve human life such as, organ transplant and artificial nutrition and hydration. It will consider living will and other end of life issues.

MT/RE 106 MEDICAL MORAL CATECHESIS

(2 credits) This is the final class of the certificate, preparing students for their final presentation. In this course students will learn to teach and effectively present the moral principles they have learned in earlier classes. Students will practice teaching these principles to a variety of audiences from the most elementary to the more advanced. Students will also be expected to effectively defend the Church’s position in light of contrary trends in the culture.

Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone.



Catechism of the Catholic Church 357

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete courses in the first group of course work (**GROUP A**) before beginning courses in the second group (**GROUP B**), with the exception of SS 101 Introduction to Sacred Scripture which can be taken at any point in the program, and Medical Moral Catechesis which should be taken as the last course in the program.

GROUP A *(to be completed before Group B)*

Catechism I: Basic Catholic Doctrine
Catechism II: Catholic Sacramental and Liturgical Theology
Catechism III: Foundations of Catholic Morality
Catechism IV: Introduction to Catholic Prayer
Christian Philosophy for Catechesis
Theological Anthropology
Introduction to Sacred Scripture

GROUP B

Catholic Medical Moral Issues: *Beginning of Life*
Catholic Medical Moral Issues: *End of Life*
Medical Moral Catechesis



REGISTRATION for classes is very easy. Simply fill out the [registration form](#) found on the Paul VI website at www.archstl.org/paul6. You will receive an email confirming your registration.

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The Pontifical Paul VI Catechetical and Pastoral Institute provides college-level continuing education and formation in Catholic doctrine. Courses are offered in the spring, summer and fall semesters. The faculty is drawn from the many excellent Catholic academic institutions that grace our Archdiocese. The fine quality of teaching reflects their distinguished theological backgrounds, their pastoral concern for the students, and the generous sharing of their time and expertise in service to the Church.

The Paul VI Institute is named in honor of Pope Paul VI, who led the Church in the challenging task of implementing the renewal of the Second Vatican Council and of preserving the faith handed down from the Apostles. The institute is committed to the extension of this mission among the people of God in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



“Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end . . . God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right to directly destroy a human life.

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*The God who made the world
and all that is in it,
the Lord of heaven and earth...
it is he who gives to everyone
life and breath and everything.*

Saint Luke
Acts of the Apostles 17:24a;25

The purpose of this program is to prepare students to teach the Catholic principles and pastoral aspects of the medical moral life, covering medical and biotechnological issues.



*The LORD God
formed man out of the clay
of the ground
and blew into his nostrils
the breath of life, a
nd so man became
a living being.*

Genesis 2:7

The certificate program is comprised of courses in the philosophical and theological understanding of the human person. It will include a thorough study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Students will take both a fundamental course in Catholic moral theology as well as more specialized courses, covering topics such as, sexuality and family life, ordinary and extraordinary means of preserving life, end of life issues and respect for the sacredness of human life from conception until natural death. Students will also be guided in practical methods that will enable them to integrate these moral principles into their own teaching or ministry.

This program is open to all interested adults and consists of twenty credit hours. The program will be of special interest to those who teach in Catholic elementary schools or Catholic high schools, those involved in various ministries in the Church and, of course, medical professionals.