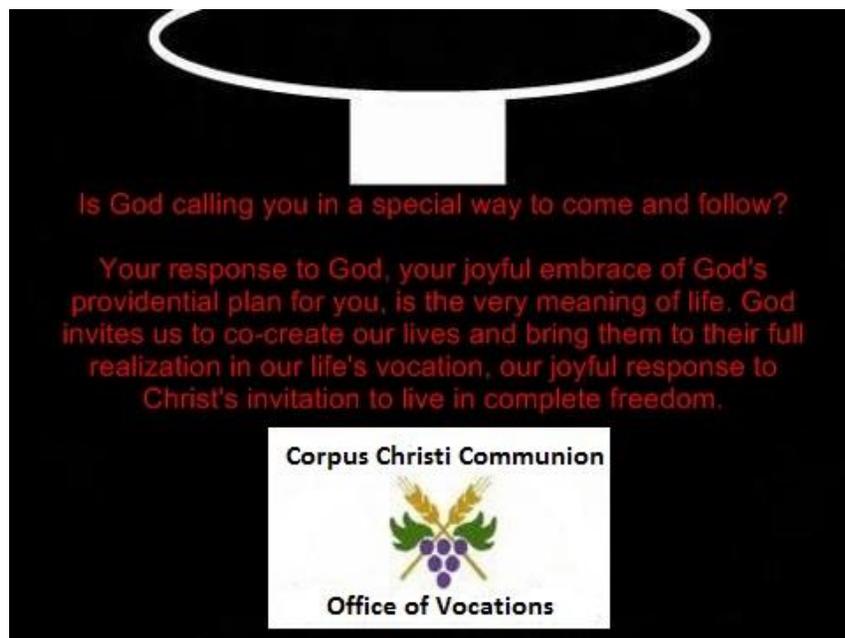


## THE CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNION - USA

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## Welcome to The Corpus Christi Communion

I would like to welcome you to The Corpus Christi Communion and wish you every success here. We feel that you will make a great contribution and hope that your ministry with us will be a mutually beneficial and gratifying relationship.

You have joined a denomination that has established an outstanding reputation for quality ministry and services. We believe that each clergy and religious contributes directly to the Church's growth and success.

This Clergy Handbook describes some of the expectations of our clergy and religious and to outline the policies, programs, and benefits available to our members of the community. You should familiarize yourself with the contents of this Clergy Handbook as soon as possible.

The policies in this Clergy Handbook are guidelines only and are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Church, as other all other policies, procedures, benefits, and other programs of The Corpus Christi Communion. From time-to-time, you may receive updated information concerning changes in policies. If anything is unclear, please contact your Diocesan Bishop or the Vicariate of Communications.

We hope that your experience here will be challenging, enjoyable and rewarding. I extend to you my personal best wishes for your success and happiness, and welcome you to The Corpus Christi Communion family.

Sincerely,

*++ M. Heckman*

**Most Reverend M. Heckman DD CSJ**  
**Metropolitan Archbishop**

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## Welcome to the Vocations Office of The Corpus Christi Communion

*We are here to help you pursue your interest in ordained sacramental ministry or religious life.*

The Office of Vocations exists to promote, encourage, and help in the discernment process of individuals who sense a call to Diocesan Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, and the Permanent Diaconate. We are considered the official contact for those who feel called to a ministry of 'Service' in the Church. Our goal is to help guide individuals in their unique journey to hear the "Call" of God. We support discerning candidates by providing the atmosphere and resources by which they can discern God's "plan" for their lives. When a discerning candidate responds willingly, with full freedom and knowledge in God's "plan", he/she ultimately finds the 'Joy', 'Peace', and 'Happiness' that God has had in store for him/her since the foundation of the World.

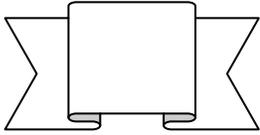
*God is calling you in a special way to come and follow. Your response to God, your joyful embrace of God's providential plan for you, is the very meaning of life. God invites us to co-create our lives and bring them to their full realization in our life's vocation, our joyful response to Christ's invitation to live in complete freedom.*

***Recognizing the Call...*** As in the past, God is calling people today. Throughout history, many have been called. They have lived exemplary lives and have extended the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. There are many heroic stories in every age. Yet, today it is harder than in the past to discover God's call. There are so many valuable ways that you can choose to live your life. There are so many distractions that make it hard to hear God's voice. Discerning a vocation is a challenge, no doubt about it. It can be especially tough today because others, even parents and friends, may not be encouraging or supportive. In the world of the Third Millennium, many are hungry to find greater meaning in life, eager to discover some purpose for their life. But God is calling you.

## A Vocation...

A vocation is God's unique invitation, addressed to individual persons in which a free response is expected. This response is not a single act, but a life-long process, a journey of faith. We do not "have" a vocation; we discover how we "are" our vocation as we journey through life led by the Spirit.

An individual discovers their vocation at various stages of life and in relationship with others:



- ✦ when a person is loved and appreciated by others,
- ✦ when the person is attracted by the example of others,
- ✦ when the person becomes aware of the needs of others,
- ✦ when the person prays and meditates on the word of God.

As baptized Christians each of us is called to assist others to discover their vocation as we have been assisted on our faith journeys. Each of us is called to help make others aware of their personal richness, talents and human value, opening their eyes to the variety of lifestyles and then ministries within the Church.

We are to assist the young and the not so young in their search for who it is God wants them to be; to walk with them in faith, to pray with them, to guide them, to help them become aware of God's loving presence in their personal history in order that they might respond to the will/yearning of God in their own regard.

## Discernment

- ✦ When discerning a vocation there is always a confusion of options. Many things interest us.  
*Suggestion: root out any interests that are "bad" or not of God, then with the remaining good choices, seek out your dominant interest and pursue it.*
- ✦ The decision making process is a complicated matter. There are many "layers" of decisions that must be looked at. At the same time there are clues, "signs" that are present to us. *Suggestion: follow the leads that are present.*
- ✦ There is very often uncertainty in the discernment process. At any one point in time we only see partial glimpses, not the whole picture, therefore uncertainty exists. *Suggestion: trust what is deepest in your heart.*
- ✦ In discernment your decision will always meet a certain amount of inner resistance. Resistance is a good sign. There is always risk when a person makes significant decisions in his life. A person must have sufficient love in his heart to take a significant risk.  
*Suggestion: reflect on what is the source of love in your heart, where it is leading you, and how deeply it is present.*
- ✦ When discerning your vocation, the road ahead will always remain a bit foggy. You probably will not know with absolute certainty what lies ahead. The future will always remain a bit hidden. Mystery and the unknown are part of everyone's future.  
*Suggestion: take one step at a time. don't try to "figure out" in exact detail your entire future.*

### CANDIDATES FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

#### **Application Process** With the assistance of Office of Vocations, a candidate for the priestly formation program of the Corpus Christi Communion engages in the following process:

Those who are interested in the diaconal or priestly formation program for the CCC should contact the Office of Vocations. If a candidate has manifested that interest to his/her pastor or other Church personnel, it would be helpful for that person to make contact with the Office of Vocations as well.

The Office of Vocations will establish regular meetings with the interested candidate to explore his/her interest, answer questions, and guide the discernment process. If and when the Office of Vocations judges the candidate ready to make application, they will then facilitate that process.

As a general rule, candidates must have some familiarity and connection with the CCC (family, education, ministry, etc.).

1. Completion of the confidential Vocation Application form.
2. Submission of sacramental documents, academic records and two passport size photos.
3. Completion of a detailed autobiography.
4. Complete the Question forms.
5. Completed Criminal background check.
6. Interviews with two members of the Formation Council who then submit written report and recommendations.
7. Physical examination.
8. Psychological evaluation by consulting psychologist. Written report is submitted with specific recommendations.

The Office of Vocations will collect and evaluate all of the information listed above. Following this review, the Director will make a recommendation to the appropriate persons regarding the applicant's acceptance into the seminary program.

If the applicant is accepted as a candidate for diaconal or priestly formation, a formal letter of acceptance is sent to him/her.



## Application Process

You can get started immediately by filling out the application forms online.

By visiting the Vocation Department Web Site:

<http://corpuschristicommunion.org/Vocations.htm>

Step One: Fill out the Application On-line

Step Two: Answer the Reflection Questions.

Step Three: Fill out the Notarized Statement

Step Four: Send in the Requires Documents

*Copies need to be e-mail or mailed to us.*

We will contact you as soon as we have received all the application documents.

## Required Documents

Please send the following items with the application:

**Answer the Reflection Questions**

**Tenets of Faith**

**Copy of Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation Certificates**

**Letter requesting Incardination**

**Copy of Letter of Resignation/Excardination from previous Jurisdiction, if applicable**

**Ministerial Service Resume**

**Copy of Ordination Certificates**

**Copy of Faculties**

**2 Passport-sized pictures**

**3 Letters of Reference**

**Letter of Support from Partner/Spouse**

**Code of Professional Conduct**

**Notarized Statement of No Record of Sex Crimes or Convictions**

**Criminal Behaviors/Crimes of a Sexual nature**

E-mail the List of Documents listed to [Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org)

The forms and documents may be mailed to:

**The Corpus Christi Communion**

Attn: Director of Vocation

2125 Arlington #520 Toledo Ohio 43609

## **INCARDINATION OF CLERGY FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

The process by which clergy from one ecclesiastical jurisdiction are brought under the authority of another jurisdiction is called incardination. By virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, any person receiving Ordination to the Order of Presbyter or Deacon is automatically incardinated into the Diocese for which they are ordained. Installation in the office of Diocesan Bishop, or Auxiliary Bishop automatically incardinate the one installed into the Diocese they are to serve and concurrently excardinate them from all other jurisdictions.

Incardination applies to those in Holy Orders and Religious Life. The Corpus Christi Communion will consider all applications for incardination provided all supporting documentation and requirements are met by the applicant. Incardination is not limited to those in Holy Orders. Religious congregations may apply for incardination provided all members of the Order are in agreement and submit the required documentation inclusive of a letter indicating that they are in agreement with the intent of their Order to join The Corpus Christi Communion.

All applications are reviewed on an individual basis. In cases where there may be some question of proper intent in the administration of an ordination, the Presiding Bishop or the Metropolitan Archbishop reserves the right to subconditionally ordain the candidate. However, this is a rare exception and not the rule. Any requirements beyond those noted in the application shall be discussed with the candidate by the Presiding Bishop with the candidate.

We encourage you to enter into a dialogue with us concerning our pastoral formation review process prior to submitting you incardination candidacy application to The Corpus Christi Communion.

### **Documents Required for Incardination Process**

*Please send the following items with the application:*

**Tenets of Faith**

**Copy of Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation Certificates**

**Letter requesting Incardination**

**Copy of Letter of Resignation/Excardination from previous Jurisdiction, if applicable**

**Ministerial Service Resume**

**Copy of Ordination Certificates**

**Copy of Faculties**

**2 Passport-sized pictures**

**3 Letters of Reference**

**Letter of Support from Partner/Spouse**

**Code of Professional Conduct**

**Notarized Statement of No Record of Sex Crimes or Convictions**

**Criminal Behaviors/Crimes of a Sexual nature**

### **E-mail the List of Documents listed to Vocations**

Clergy of the Apostolic Tradition (Catholic/Orthodox or Anglican) wishing to be granted incardination, please contact the **Office of Vocations** at [Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org)

### **Note for bishops seeking incardination:**

Because of the unique and central nature of the Episcopal office, The Corpus Christi Communion seeks to discern the relationship we will share with any bishop extensively before agreeing to permanent incardination. If you have been consecrated and are seeking affiliation with The Corpus Christi Communion, please contact the Metropolitan Archbishop [Metropolitan@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Metropolitan@corpuschristicommunion.org)

### **Incardination of Bishops**

Bishops seeking to affiliate with The Corpus Christi Communion, , please contact the Metropolitan Archbishop  
[Metropolitan@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Metropolitan@corpuschristicommunion.org)

### **Incardination of Clergy**

Clergy of the Apostolic Tradition (Catholic/Orthodox or Anglican) wishing to be granted incardination, please contact the Office of Presiding Bishop, at [PresidingBishop@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:PresidingBishop@corpuschristicommunion.org)

### **Applicants**

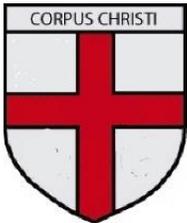
Clergy who do not have apostolic/sacramental tradition or new applicants seeking to explore a vocation in The Corpus Christi Communion, please contact the Office of Vocations, at [Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org)

### **We will send you an information packet.**

If you feel you have a vocation to Religious Life, the Diaconate or to the Priesthood, please [contact us](#).

If you'd like to begin an email dialogue with someone, please feel free to contact anyone listed on this site. We are all here to help you in any way we can.

May the Peace of our Risen Lord be with you!



**Vocation Department**

**Phone: 419.517.6762**

**E-mail: [Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Vocations@corpuschristicommunion.org)**

**Please send all Vocation documents to:**

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## Council of Formation

The Council of Formation as serves as the principle Committee for the Education Commission of the Church. This Council serves in an advisory function.. The Council of Formation will work with Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Life, Diaconate Formation, Pastoral Formation, Religious Education, Vocation Department, Spiritual Directions program, and the Resource Library, as well as the Office of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs. There is a need to coordinate the work of these offices and to direct them for the Evangelization and Educational plans of the church. The Council of Formation also works with the College of Deacons, as well as the Vicar of Deacons, whose input in regard to the pastoral life of the Church is critical to the optimum functioning of these offices.

### **PRIESTLY FORMATION PERSONNEL**

#### **Office of Vocations**

“The first responsibility for the pastoral work of promoting priestly vocations lies with the bishop, who is called to be the first to exercise this responsibility even though he can and must call upon many others to cooperate with him/her” In the CCC, the Presiding Bishop delegates these duties to the Director of Vocations who is primarily responsible for the recruiting, mentoring, and screening of qualified candidates for priestly formation.

#### **Director of Formation**

The Director of Formation is charged by the Presiding Bishop to act as his/her liaison to the various studies, course work, and training in which candidates are enrolled. A spirit of mutual respect, trust, and collaboration should mark this relationship for the good of the candidates and the benefit of the Church. The Director of Formation maintains regular contact with the candidates of the CCC in order to facilitate and support their formation process. In the CCC, the Director of Formation may also serve as the Rector of the Seminary.

#### **Dean of the Seminary**

The Deans of Holy Cross Seminary serves as the chief administrative officer and principal agent responsible for the implementation of the seminary program. He/She is the pastor of the seminary community who is to keep the spiritual and personal welfare of both faculty and students a central concern. The Deans are responsible to the Presiding Bishop and should consult with him/her in matters of major concern. He/She is also to give thoughtful consideration to the counsel provided by members of the Priestly Formation Council should meet on a regular basis.

#### **Formation Council**

The Council of Formation as serves as the principle Committee for the Education Commission of the Church. Clergy and laypeople are therefore called to cooperate with one another in all dimensions of the Church's life and mission this includes priestly formation. The Formation Council (FC) of the CCC is one way this collaboration manifests itself in our local Church. The FC is an advisory body with six principal areas of responsibility:

1. To act as a consultative body to the Presiding Bishop regarding policies and procedures relative to the priestly formation program for the CCC.
2. To address issues and offer recommendations regarding matters raised by the Director of Formation, Vocation Director and/or Deans of Holy Cross Seminary.
3. To render assistance in the screening of applicants to the vocation program.
4. To review on a regular basis the progress of all seminarians studying for the RCC
5. Council members do not have direct access to a student's file or psychological report and any information regarding a particular candidates / seminarian is shared at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop and/or the Director of Formation.
6. To consult with other Bishops or Vocation Directors in the region whose candidates are enrolled at Holy Cross Seminary.

The FC consists of the Bishop, Office of Vocation, Rector of Holy Cross

## DOCUMENTS OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNION

As members of the Corpus Christi Communion, and as members of the larger Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, we rely on certain documents for our guidance. These documents, at least in part, consist of the Tenets of Beliefs (our "Mission Statement"), the Constitution (the "By-Laws"), the Canons (the "Corporate Laws") and our Polices and Forms.

### Our Liturgy

Each parish/church of the Corpus Christi Communion is free to use a rite that is appropriate for worship at the local level as long as the rite used is approved by the Presiding bishop. For this reason, our clergy may elect to use the Roman Rite, Book of Common Prayer, or an Orthodox Rite, and yet others may use a Rite which is a mixture of Roman, Anglican, and German Old Catholic. Our primary concerns are that we provide a place of worship for all and being a place where clergy is empowered to provide ministry Liturgies recognized and celebrated by Corpus Christi Communion Communities include:

Novus Ordo Mass, and Vatican II Liturgical books.(ie The Book of Blessings) Tridentine Mass (Latin or English) and Pre-Vatican II liturgical books (ie the Roman Ritual) Anglican Usages (Book of Common Prayer any edition) Anglican Missal, Book of Occasional Services St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy, Liturgies of St Mark, Basil, James, and Tikhon. Old Catholic Mass The Use of Utrecht only

Other Rites will be considered for approval in the Ecumenical Rite to address the spiritual needs of communities who use alternative non-Catholic celebratory rites.

**The worship and sacramental celebrations** of the Church shall follow the patterns set down by the church catholic as it is found in its Roman, Anglican, Old Catholic and Orthodox branches. This church shall not be bound to follow any one form but shall use any such forms, customs and languages as best suits the needs of the local parish/church or community with approval of the bishop or vicar..

### Our Sacraments

We offer and profess seven Sacraments. These Sacraments are: Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, and Holy Orders. The Corpus Christi Communion believes that since all persons baptized in the Name of the *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit* are members of the Body of Christ, none of our Christian brothers and sisters of other denominations should be refused Communion or any other Sacrament.

#### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

+Amen.

## The Corpus Christi Communion Church's purpose is...

### ABOUT

We are a Diverse People United in our Faith, Liberated by the Gospel!! The Corpus Christi Communion endeavors to provide a welcoming place where all people can come to worship God, pray, receive the Sacraments, and better understand the Word.

Of particular concern to us is the offering of valid sacraments to those who have been disenfranchised by the exclusionary practices of other churches and other Christians seeking forms of worship and beliefs of the early church.

We are a community created to shepherd and become a home for all those without a spiritual home. We retain basic beliefs of love, faith, spirituality, prayer, and sacramentality. . .

- We are Christians striving according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- We are God's Children living in God who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

### Mission

The Corpus Christi Communion Church's purpose is to provide a safe, non-judgmental and welcoming place to all people who have suffered rejection from those organized religions that hold rules above compassion and judgment before love.

The Sacraments are: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage/Holy Union, Holy Orders.

- Holy Eucharist We offer Holy Eucharist, to all people who have been sent away hungry from the Lords Table because of rules. The only criteria for receiving is that one be a Baptized Christian and believe that Christ is present on our Altar. It is our policy to WELCOME ALL people without regard to race, color, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, contraception beliefs, or other issues that are between the Creator and the created. We neither condone, nor do we practice discrimination implicitly or tacitly on the basis of any human authority.
- Marriage/Holy Union We acknowledges same-sex marriage and second marriages for the divorced, "Our official statement on that is basically that a marriage is limited to a union of two people, regardless of gender."

### This Communion Family is...

#### Inclusive:

The communities of the Corpus Christi Communion seek to reach out to those who feel alienated. We believe that who a person is, and how a person lives, does not separate him or her from the love and compassion of God.

#### Proactive:

Believing that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church through the 'Sense of the Faithful', our Community sees itself as a process as well as an institution which hopes to listen to, rather than speak for, the people of God as they seek ways, prompted by the Spirit, to remake the Church into a credible community of faith for the world.

#### Compassionate:

The difficult decisions in our lives are always harder to make alone. At such times, the compassionate support of a community of faith can be crucial. Morality ought to be the response to the life of the Holy Spirit within each human person, and a loving way of life for the whole community.

We believe wholeheartedly that an informed conscience, molded on Gospel values of truth, justice, compassion and love, should be the ultimate motivating force in a person's life.

We teach these values with the individual person in mind and with respect for individual human freedom and dignity. We trust that we, if we are people fully living in the spirit of truth, will be able to decide what is just and right conduct, both in our own lives and within society.

### In Short...

We believe that no person should be denied the ability to worship Jesus Christ in an open and affirming worship community. These beliefs hold forth for both members and clergy. Our family is open to every race, gender, and sexual orientation. Our communities celebrate a weekly open communion for all baptized Christians regardless of denomination.

## The Constitution of the Corpus Christi Communion *A Reformed Catholic Church*

### Preamble

The Corpus Christi Communion is an Independent Jurisdiction within Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The Corpus Christi Communion A Reformed Catholic Church, hereafter referred to as 'the church' is not under the jurisdiction of, nor subject to the Roman Catholic Church. The Church holds the faith and traditions handed down by the Apostles and codified by the historic councils and synods. The Church also holds to herself the right to reform or revise any moral legislation that does not meet the spiritual needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians, i.e. teachings on divorce, homosexuality, the role of women and other sundry legislation.

### Article One

#### Section One

The governance of the church shall consist of the following. **The Metropolitan** is the chief shepherd of the church and shall be responsible for articulating the vision of the church. The Metropolitan shall be responsible for calling together the annual meeting of the Holy Synod, and of any special councils necessary for the governance of the church. The Metropolitan shall also have the power to appoint clergy or laity to offices necessary for the work of the church. The office is held for life or until voluntary retirement. The minimum criteria for service in this office are:

1. The candidate is to be at least 40 years of age
2. The candidate is to have held the office of bishop for at least 5 (five) years.
3. The candidate must show skill in oral and written communication.
4. The candidate must have a known and developed spiritual life and be committed to a regular spiritual practice.
5. The candidate must have organizational skills and be able to delegate tasks necessary for the governance of the church.
6. The candidate must be able to work with the other leaders of the church and be willing to put aside any personal desires or preferences for the good of the church as a whole.
7. The Metropolitan Archbishop is voted in by the Holy Synod

#### Section Two

The church shall have in each major geographic area in which it is found a **Regional Presiding Bishop**. The RPB works in close conjunction with the Metropolitan. The RPB is assumed to fully represent the church in all matters for which such responsibility has been delegated by the Metropolitan and the Holy Synod. The RPB serves in the capacity of Regional Director for the geographic area over which he/she governs. The RPB regularly reports to the Sacred College of Bishops and shall make a report on the state of his/her region at the annual meeting of the Holy Synod. The office of RPB will be held for 4 years or until voluntary retirement or removal. The minimum criteria for a candidate for this office are as follows:

1. The candidate is to be at least 35 years of age.
2. The candidate shall hold the office of bishop or be eligible to do so.
3. The candidate must show skill in oral and written communication.
4. The candidate must have a known and developed spiritual life and be committed to a regular spiritual practice.
5. The candidate must have organisational skills and be able to delegate tasks as necessary for the governance of the church.
6. The candidate must be able to work with the other leaders of the church and be willing to put aside any personal desires or preferences for the good of the church as a whole.
7. The Regional Presiding Bishop is voted in by the Holy Synod

#### Section Three

The chief legislative body of the church shall be the **Holy Synod**, which shall consist of the **Sacred College of Bishops** and the **College of Clergy and Laity**. No legislation or canon may be put into practice within the church without the approval of the Holy Synod.

- a. The Metropolitan shall call for a meeting of the Holy Synod on an annual basis. The date of the sitting shall be announced at least 2 months in advance in order to allow for the maximum participation of all allowed.
- b. The Holy Synod shall last for a minimum of two days and a maximum of five days. The work of the Synod shall be comprised of legislative matters and worship. If there is time available, educational workshops and sessions shall be conducted.

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The **Sacred College of Bishops** shall consist of every bishop in the CCC including those who are retired and also Titular Bishops. Titular Bishops shall be given a voice but NO vote in the SCB. The function of the SCB is two-fold: It's first function is to act as a consultative body to the Metropolitan to advise him/her in all manners pertaining to the governance of the church and to propose legislation to be taken up at the Holy Synod. The second function of the SCB is to act as the senior house during the meeting of the Holy Synod. It's approval is required in order to pass any legislation. The SCB may have a Dean who will preside over its meetings and call any special sessions. The Dean need not be an RPB or the Metropolitan, but whoever holds the office must be approved by the SCB by a simple majority vote.

The **College of Clergy and Laity** shall consist of members of the lower clergy and the laity representing each diocese within a Region of the church. The function of the CCL is to formulate and pass legislation dealing with the life of the church in the world. It will also be the function of the CCL to pass the church's annual budget, which is to be presented at the Synod by the Treasurer of the Church.

### **Section Five**

Any changes or amendments to this Constitution once adopted shall require a three-quarter majority in both Colleges of the Holy Synod.

## **Corpus Christi Communion The Code of Canon Law**

### **Title One – The Organization of the Church**

**Canon 1.** The Governance of the church shall consist of the following: The Metropolitan, Regional Presiding Bishops, and the Holy Synod.

- 1.a The Holy Synod shall consist of two separate bodies: The Sacred College of Bishops and the College of Clergy and Laity. Each body being distinct and of equal rank in the Synod.

**Canon 2.** The Metropolitan shall be the Spiritual head of the church, and is the chief executive officer of the Church. The Metropolitan shall be responsible for the governance of the church world-wide with the assistance of the Regional Presiding Bishops. It shall be incumbent upon the Metropolitan, or a person appointed to act on their behalf, to introduce legislation and to set the tone for the forward movement of the church across the globe. The Metropolitan shall announce the Holy Synod and will act as moderator of the same.

#### **The Metropolitan is entitled to and is to meet the following:**

- 2.a No person shall be elected Metropolitan unless he/she has reached at least 40 years of age.  
2.b No person shall be elected Metropolitan unless he/she has been a bishop for a minimum of 5 (five) years.  
2.c The office of Metropolitan is entered into for a period of 10 years, up to life and may be vacated for reasons of ill health, or advanced age.  
2.d The Metropolitan may, at his/her request retire from the office and shall upon retirement be made Metropolitan Emeritus.  
2.e Should the Metropolitan be found guilty of crimes violating CHURCH law, he/she shall be deposed by a vote of the Holy Synod. The verdict in both Colleges shall be unanimous.  
2.f Elections for a new Metropolitan shall be held when the see become vacated, The SCB shall nominate a Bishop meeting the Canon requirements, and shall be elected and voted on by the Holy Synod.  
2.g Unless circumstances require otherwise, all consecrations to the episcopacy shall take place at the meeting of the Synod.

**Canon 3.** The Regional Presiding Bishop shall govern a certain geographic area in the church. The RPB shall work under the authority and in conjunction with the Metropolitan in the governance of the church. The RPB is the Regional Director of the geographic area over which he/she governs. The RPB shall make a yearly report to the Holy Synod of the conditions in his/her area.

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### The RPB is entitled to and shall meet the following:

- 3.a No person shall be elected RPB unless he/she has reached 35 years of age.
- 3.b No person shall be elected RPB unless he/she has been a bishop for a minimum of 3 (three) years.
- 3.c The RPB shall be elected by the bishops and clergy of his/her region.
- 3.d The office of RPB shall be held for 4 (four) years.
- 3.e An RPB may retire from office at his or her will.
- 3.f Upon retirement of the RPB, an interim shall be appointed by the Sacred College of Bishops until such time as an election can be held.
- 3.g Should an RPB be found guilty of any crimes violating CHURCH law, he/she shall be deposed by the SCB, and an interim shall be named.
- 3.h Elections for RPB shall be held every 4 (four) years at the Holy Synod.

### Canon 4. The Holy Synod shall be the chief legislative body of the church and shall consist of the following,

The Sacred College of Bishops and the College of Clergy and Laity.

- 4.a No canon shall be amended without the approval of the Holy Synod.
- 4.b The Metropolitan shall announce the meeting of the Synod on an annual basis. The date of the Synod is to be announced to the church no later than 2 (Two) months in advance of the date, in order to allow for maximum participation.
- 4.c The meeting of the Synod shall last for no fewer than 2 (two) and no more than 5 (five) days.
- 4.d The purpose of the Synod shall be to enact legislation and to review the yearly budget of the church.
- 4.e There shall be ample time set aside during the Synod for worship and reflection.
- 4.f There shall be educational opportunities made available for both the clergy and the laity during the Synod.
- 4.g Owing to the lack of local support for many, time for fellowship shall be provided at the Synod.
- 4.h Ordinations to the priesthood shall also take place at the Synod.

### Canon 5. The Sacred College of Bishops, shall consist of every bishop in the Corpus Christi Communion including those who are retired. The function of the SCB is two-fold, its first function is to act as a consultative body to the RPB and to advise him/her in all matters pertaining to the governance of the church. The second function of the SCB is to act as the senior house during the annual meeting of the Holy Synod.

- 5.a No legislation shall pass at the Synod without the approval of the SCB.
- 5.b The SCB shall have a Dean chosen from among its ranks who shall preside over meetings and call special sessions in absence of the RPB.
- 5.c The Dean of the College has no authority outside of the SCB.
- 5.d The SCB shall meet either in person or through other means at least 4 times during the year.
- 5.e The SCB shall be the supreme judicial body of the church, and as such shall hear all cases involving violations of the canons of this church.
- 5.f The decisions of the SCB in a canonical case are final and there shall be no appeal.
- 5.g The Judicial sitting of the SCB shall take place at the meeting of the Holy Synod unless the nature of the violation is such that more immediate action is required.
- 5.h In light of a long held tradition within the church catholic, a Mitred Abbot is considered to hold rank equivalent to that of bishop and as such shall have a voice but no vote in the SCB.
- 5.i Titular bishops shall have a voice but no vote in the SCB. A Titular Bishop is a bishop who has incardinated into the Corpus Christi Communion from another Jurisdiction in Apostolic Succession who does not occupy a diocesan throne or have an active role in the curial governance of the church.

### Canon 6. The College of Clergy and Laity shall consist of members of the lower clergy and the laity representing each diocese within a Region of the church. The functions of the CCL are as follows:

- 6.a The CCL shall formulate and pass legislation dealing with the life of the church in the world.
- 6.b The CCL shall pass the annual budget presented to them by the Treasurer of the church, which they in turn shall pass on to the SCB for final approval.
- 6.c In order for a person to be elected to the College of Clergy and Laity, they must be a member in good standing of the church, and contribute regularly to the Stewardship of the Church. (see canons regarding the laity)

## Title Two – Ministry

### Canon 1. The Ministry of the church is comprised of the following: Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Sub-Deacons, Licensed Lay Ministers, and Licensed Pastors.

### Canon 2. The Bishop holds within his/her office, the fullness of ordained ministry and shall have all privileges and honours the rank is entitled to.

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- 2.a No person shall be elected a bishop within this church unless they have reached at least 30 years of age, and have been a priest of this church a minimum of 3 (three) years.
- 2.b No person shall be elected a bishop within this church unless they can show sufficient knowledge in Sacred Theology, Scripture, Liturgy, and Canon Law.
- 2.c All candidates for consecration shall be examined by the Metropolitan who shall attest to their qualifications to the SCB.
- 2.d A bishop may serve in a diocesan capacity as either the Diocesan, or Auxiliary, or in a strictly Curial capacity at the discretion of the RPB or the Metropolitan.
- 2.e No priest is to assume that simply being a member of the clergy in the Corpus Christi Communion shall automatically make him or her eligible for the episcopacy.
- 2.f Although the presence of bishops is necessary for the church to function and be truly catholic, it is the policy of this church that no person shall be elevated to the episcopacy without necessity.
- 2.g Bishops who incardinate into the Corpus Christi Communion from other Jurisdictions holding valid Apostolic Succession who are not appointed to Diocesan or Curial functions shall be known as Titular Bishops and shall not function in the role of bishop unless they are required to do so by the local Ordinary, RPB or the Metropolitan. In this vein, they may perform Confirmations, bless objects which the rubrics require to be blessed by a bishop, and participate in Consecrations at the annual meeting of the Holy Synod.
- 2.h A bishop incardinating into the Corpus Christi Communion from another Jurisdiction holding valid Apostolic Succession, shall have to have incardination approved of by the Metropolitan, then a vote of the Sacred College of Bishops. The vote must be unanimous. If a bishop incardinating into the Corpus Christi Communion is not approved by the SCB, he may be allowed to enter the church and function solely as a priest.
- 2.i No bishop in the Corpus Christi Communion may participate in the consecration of another bishop outside the Corpus Christi Communion without the express approval of the Metropolitan Archbishop.
- 2.j Diocesan bishops are the sole authority in their respective diocese, as such they may appoint a curia to help them govern.
- 2.k Each diocesan bishop shall be required to make a report on the state of their diocese to the RPB on a yearly basis. A copy of this report shall be kept in the archives of the National/International Church.
- 2.l The stylizations for a bishop in this church are The Right Reverend, The Most Reverend, or Mar
- 2.m There is no mandatory retirement age for a bishop in this church. A bishop may announce his retirement as he sees fit to do. A bishop who is found upon examined to be incapable of continuing in his duties may be relieved of them by the SCB.
- 2.n If a bishop is accused of crimes in violation of Church law, he will be suspended from all duties pending an investigation. If the evidence is sufficient to pursue proceedings, a trial shall be held in the Sacred College of Bishops. If the defendant is found guilty, he/she shall be immediately be deprived all inherent privileges and a sentence shall be imposed. If the crime is of a serious enough nature, the defendant may also be deposed.

**Canon 3.** The priest is often the first point of contact for the church and as such must be able to represent the church in the best possible light.

- 3.a No person shall be ordained in this church unless they have reached 25 years of age.
- 3.b No person shall be ordained to the priesthood until they have completed at least 6 months as a deacon.
- 3.c Any person pursuing ordination in this church must show themselves to have sufficient knowledge in Sacred Theology, Scripture, Liturgics, homiletics, and Canon Law. It shall be the place of the Diocesan Ordinary to judge whether or not the candidate meets the minimum criteria for ordination, and shall pass his or her findings onto the RPB for final approval.
- 3.d All candidates for priesthood in the Corpus Christi Communion either through ordination or incardination will be submitted to a full background check at the local and national levels.
- 3.e Any findings from background checks that violate church law will be considered as an impediment to ordination/incardination and the candidate shall be refused.
- 3.f No person who has been found guilty of sexual crimes involving minors shall be ordained in this church. There shall be no exceptions to this rule.
- 3.g Any person already holding orders within this church who is accused of sexual crimes shall be suspended from duty and their faculties revoked pending the outcome of both internal church, and external civil investigations.
- 3.h The Corpus Christi Communion will work in conjunction with all civil authorities in any investigations regarding those suspected of sexual crimes against minors.
- 3.i Any person already holding orders in this church who is convicted of sexual crimes against minors shall be deposed from their office. There shall be no exceptions to this canon.
- 3.j Any person applying for ordination in this church who withholds information regarding past convictions or accusations of sexual crimes, shall be considered as canonically defective and shall not be considered eligible for ordination in this church.
- 3.k All priests in good standing within the Corpus Christi Communion shall be eligible for a seat in the College of Clergy and Laity. Required to attend the Holy Synod
- 3.l The normal stylization for a priest within the church is either The Reverend Father/Mother, or Father/Mother.

**Canon 4.** The pastor is often the first point of contact for the church and as such must be able to represent the church in the best possible way.

- 4.a No person shall be License in this church unless they have reached 25 years of age.
- 4.b No person shall be License as a pastor until they have completed at least 6 months as a deacon or experience.
- 4.c Any person pursuing Licensure in this church must show themselves to have sufficient knowledge in, Scripture, Liturgics, Homiletics, and Canon Law. It shall be the place of the Ordinary to judge whether or not the candidate meets the minimum criteria for Licensure, and shall pass his or her findings onto the RPB for final approval.
- 4.d All candidates for pastors in the Corpus Christi Communion either through Licensure or incardination will be submitted to a full background check at the local and national levels.
- 4.e Any findings from background checks that violate church law will be considered as an impediment to Licensure/incardination and the candidate shall be refused.
- 4.f No person who has been found guilty of sexual crimes involving minors shall be ordained in this church. There shall be no exceptions to this rule.
- 4.g Any person already holding orders within this church who is accused of sexual crimes shall be suspended from duty and their faculties revoked pending the outcome of both internal church, and external civil investigations.
- 4.h The Corpus Christi Communion will work in conjunction with all civil authorities in any investigations regarding those suspected of sexual crimes against minors.
- 4.i Any person already holding orders in this church who is convicted of sexual crimes against minors shall be deposed from their office. There shall be no exceptions to this canon.
- 4.j Any person applying for Licensure in this church who withholds information regarding past convictions or accusations of sexual crimes, shall be considered as canonically effective and shall not be considered eligible for Licensure in this church.
- 4.k All pastors in good standing within the Corpus Christi Communion shall be eligible for a seat in the College of Clergy and Laity. Required to attend the Holy Synod
- 4.l The normal stylization for a pastor within the church is either Reverend/Pastor

**Canon 5.** The Deacon historically saw to the physical needs of the local congregation and is gifted the privilege of proclaiming the Holy Gospel during the Mass. The ministry of the deacon is one of service, to the congregation, to the priest during liturgical celebrations and to the world.

- 5.a No candidate shall be ordained to the diaconate until they have reached 22 years of age.
- 5.b There are two forms of the diaconate: Transitional Diaconate, where the deacon will continue on to the priesthood and Permanent Diaconate which is a state chosen for life.
- 5.c Each candidate must show themselves sufficiently knowledgeable in the following: Sacred Theology, Scripture, Liturgics and homiletics to the satisfaction of the local Ordinary, who is responsible for overseeing their training.
- 5.d The same regulations governing background checks and issues involving sexual crimes against minors that are to be found in Canon 3.3d-3k apply to all candidates for the Permanent Diaconate as well.
- 5.e The stylization for deacons is The Reverend Deacon, The Reverend Mister/Miss/Mrs., or Mister/Miss/Mrs. A Permanent Deacon who has excelled himself/herself in leadership may, at the discretion of the RPB be appointed Archdeacon and accorded the honours and privileges owed that state. As such he/she would be addressed as The Reverend Archdeacon, The Venerable (in writing) or Archdeacon.
- 5.f All Deacons in good standing within the Corpus Christi Communion shall be eligible for a seat in the College of Clergy and Laity. Required to attend the Holy Synod

**Canon 6.** The Subdeacon is the servant of the sanctuary and is given the great privilege of service at the altar and the proclamation of the Epistle.

- 6.a No candidate shall be ordained to the subdiaconate until they have reached 20 years of age.
- 6.b There are two forms of the subdiaconate: Transitional Subdiaconate, where the candidate will ultimately be ordained to the priesthood. and Permanent Subdiaconate, which is a state chosen for life.
- 6.c Each candidate must show themselves sufficiently knowledgeable in the following: simple Theology, Scripture and Liturgics to the satisfaction of the local Ordinary, who is responsible for overseeing their training.
- 6.d The same regulations governing background checks and issues involving sexual crimes against minors that are found in Canon 3.3d-3k apply to all candidates for the Permanent Subdiaconate.
- 6.e The stylization for a Subdeacon is, The Reverend Mister/Miss/Mrs.( in writing), The Reverend Subdeacon ( in writing)
- 6.f All Sub-deacons in good standing within the Corpus Christi Communion shall be eligible for a seat in the College of Clergy and Laity. Required to attend the Holy Synod

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**Canon 7.** The Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) is a member of a local congregation who is given license by the local Ordinary to perform non Sacramental liturgies in the absence of the pastor, i.e. Morning Prayer. The LLM is authorized to lead the Prayers of the People during the Mass and to read the first lesson if a three lesson lectionary is used in that place. Under certain circumstances the LLM may be allowed to deliver a sermon that is approved by the local pastor.

7.a Since the LLM is a licensed ministry rather than an ordained one, the regulations governing them are at the discretion of the local Ordinary.

7.b The license of an LLM may be revoked at any time.

**Canon 8.** The Corpus Christi Communion encourages the foundation of religious orders and the reformation of existing religious orders to conform to the practices and theology of the Corpus Christi Communion.

8.a Before a religious order can be approved for the church, its constitution and rule must be submitted to the Metropolitan Archbishop for approval.

8b. Once established and approved, religious orders are autonomous in their internal governance.

8c. In regards to strictly internal matters, the head of the religious order is the final judge; under extreme circumstances the decisions of the heads of religious orders may be appealed to the Metropolitan Archbishop.

8d. No outside body may interfere in the appointment of offices within an order. This is governed by the constitution and rule of the individual order.

8.e All religious brothers and sister in good standing within the Corpus Christi Communion shall be eligible for a seat in the College of Clergy and Laity. Required to attend the Holy Synod

**Canon 9.** The Laity, being the body of Christ shall be protected from all harm, both internally and to such extent as is possible, externally.

9.a The laity shall enjoy an equal role in the governance of the church and as such shall make up the greater portion of the College of Clergy and Laity.

9.b The laity shall come into membership of this church through either the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception.

9.c Any member of the laity who is a communicant in good standing within this church is eligible for election to the CCL. Lay Reps from each Parish/Church should attend the Holy Synod.

9.d A communicant in good standing is defined as one who attends the Holy Mass/ Church Services on regular basis and gives financially to the support of the parish, and the church at large.

9.e The laity are encouraged to form pious associations and sodalities in their parishes and through them to work for the betterment of others less fortunate.

**Canon 10.** The Doctrine and Worship of the Corpus Christi Communion is that of the catholic and apostolic faith as handed down by the Apostles and taught by the faithful of the church.

10.a This church acknowledges and teaches the Seven Sacraments as handed down to us through Scripture and Tradition, namely: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Confession, Unction of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Marriage.

10.b This church does not discriminate in regards to who may receive the Sacraments. All who are desirous and have been properly prepared are eligible to receive the Sacraments according to their state in life.

10.c This church acknowledges and teaches that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain all things necessary for salvation.

10.d The worship of this church shall follow the patterns set down by the church catholic as it is found in its Roman, Anglican, Old Catholic, and Orthodox branches. This church shall not be bound to follow one form of worship but shall use such forms and customs as best suits the needs of the local parish or community.

10.e This church welcomes all to the table of the Lord, and invites those whom other churches have rejected to share in our ministry.

10f This Church has and will operate as a umbrella for parishes, jurisdictions that are not Catholic but wishes to be part of Corpus Christi Communion that may be Anglican, Orthodox or Ecumenical in using their rites.

**Canon 11a** From time to time, the Church may find herself in need of making a decision for the good of the people of God that may come in conflict with the norms of canon law. On these occasions the ancient dictum of ‘Ecclesia supplex’ will supplant all such norms. If the spiritual needs of a group of people are in jeopardy by inaction on the part of the Church, The Presiding Bishop with the consent of a simple majority of the Sacred College of Bishops may temporarily suspend a canon or section thereof to provide for the benefit of the people of God. This action may not be taken without due care and consideration and may not be repeated more than once in one calendar year.

11b The Metropolitan for good of the church and the benefit of the people may use ‘Ecclesia supplex’, may temporarily suspend a canon or section with due care and consideration.

**Application for Admission to the Vocational Program/Incardination  
in  
The Corpus Christi Communion**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I possess the following degrees: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am pursuing a Master's degree in the following field(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am pursuing a Bachelor's degree:  
 Major(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expected date of graduation/completion of Degree program: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you interested in:  
 Diocesan Priesthood  Religious Priesthood  Religious Life  Deacon  Incarnation  
 Are you interested in a particular religious order? If so, which one(s)?  
 Benedictine  Dominican  Carmelite  Franciscan  Jesuit  Other  Uncertain  
 In the past have you ever studied in a seminary or been affiliated with a religious community?  
 Yes  No Please describe that association: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why did you leave? : \_\_\_\_\_  
 How long have you been thinking about priesthood/religious life? : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who has assisted you in your vocational discernment? : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe your desire to be a priest/religious. : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Were there significant role models in your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What are/were the central influences? : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe your understanding/perception of ministry : \_\_\_\_\_  
 What strengths do you see in yourself? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_  
**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** What spiritual practices are part of your life at the present time (e.g., Mass, prayer, etc.)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**SACRAMENTAL LIFE :**  
 I was baptized a Catholic in (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
 I was baptized in (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
 I was not baptized in the Catholic Church but was received into it in (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previously belonged to the following church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I received the following sacraments in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church:  
 Reconciliation  Eucharist  Confirmation  Holy Orders/Ordination  
**Concerning Marriage/Holy Union :**  
 married  united in Holy Union  single  
 I was married in: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate current status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I was united in Holy Union in: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate current status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please list any children and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

The forms and documents may be mailed to:  
**The Corpus Christi Communion**  
 Attn: Director of Vocation  
 2125 Arlington #520 Toledo Ohio 43609

**CLERGY/RELIGIOUS MISCONDUCT POLICY ZERO TOLERANCE**

As an emerging church, we must be aware of recent events in the United States and other parts of the world that have made it absolutely necessary for credible faith communities to publish a policy that makes it clear for all members of the community, clergy and faithful alike, that ZERO tolerance is the only acceptable standard for issues of inappropriate misconduct by the clergy. This church will NOT allow sex offenders to remain active clergy or religious sisters or brothers. We have adopted, herewith, a working and official policy of *The Corpus Christi Communion* regarding sexual misconduct of clergy, religious, employees, regular volunteers, seminarians, and candidates for ordination and/or incardination.

Our position on clergy abuse is as follows:

**Those who have been convicted of a felony sex crime are not eligible for Holy Orders.**

✦ If it is later determined that a member of the clergy has in fact been convicted of a felony sex crime, that clergy person will be automatically removed from the clerical state and returned to lay status after the Vicar of the Judiciary makes its recommendation to the Bishop.

✦ The Corpus Christi Communion has adopted a **zero tolerance** for any physical misconduct by its clergy and or any one employed by, or working for, or even volunteering to work for, or with this Church.

✦ This includes unwanted, inappropriate physical contact with parishioners, those being counseled, those receiving any of the Sacraments, and, most especially minors/disabled/geriatric adults or anyone who may be considered as vulnerable. In instances where allegations are made and/or an arrest has been made, the Presiding Bishop shall immediately suspend faculties and privileges as clergy until an investigation is completed by civil and church authorities.

✦ Inappropriate and unwanted physical activity with minors/disabled or geriatric or other vulnerable people will be immediately reported to the appropriate law enforcement entities and investigated by them. The Corpus Christi Communion will cooperate with civil authorities as they investigate the allegations. In instances where allegations are made and/or an arrest has been made, the Presiding Bishop shall immediately suspend faculties and privileges as clergy until an investigation is completed by civil and church authorities.

✦ Further, inappropriate and unwanted physical activity with any individual with whom a clergy person has a pastoral care relationship of any kind, will result in immediate suspension of ecclesiastical faculties. This means that faculties and the authority to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church will be removed immediately with a referral to treatment if found guilty. If cleared of all charges by both church and law enforcement entities, all faculties and authorities to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church will be restored and all records marked as "cleared." If the clergy person is found and proven guilty their suspension will become permanent and they will be deposed from the ministry of the Church.

✦ Every effort must be made by The Corpus Christi Communion to be fair and balanced in its treatment of those who have been accused of misconduct, giving them the opportunity to defend themselves to the judicial vicariate of the church, and to seek assistance in obtaining professional assistance, to include medical or psychological professionals. This requirement does not preclude the church's responsibility to inform the civil authorities of allegations of misconduct. Officials or employees who do not follow the zero tolerance policy of the church are subject to immediate dismissal and revocation of their faculties to celebrate the sacraments of the church.

✦ Those found, after investigation by Church authorities and law enforcement agencies, to have deliberately and inaccurately accused one of the clergy for the purposes of obtaining financial reward in order to punish, humiliate, address or redress issues will be held responsible for such allegations and accusations in civil and criminal court. In that unfortunate circumstance, the clergy are herewith advised to seek personal and public redress for the injury to their reputations and good standing within the Church. Most of all, forgiveness and healing **MUST BE** the guiding light through forgiveness in these cases and all parties are encouraged to seek counseling and help in rebuilding their lives.

✦ The Corpus Christi Communion will be committed to providing pastoral care to those who have been victimized.

✦ Most importantly, the church will maintain a position of absolute transparency in all matters of investigation into allegations of abuse/misconduct. The people of God deserve nothing less.

✦ Report all violations of this policy to: Presiding Bishop Office USA — Phone 419.517.6762

**Statement of No Record of Sex Crime Felony Charges or Convictions**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Legal Name)

Alias/Religious Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ an applicant to the ministry of The Corpus Christi Communion do:

Submit this notarized statement that I have not been convicted of, nor currently have charges pending, related to Felony Sex Crimes.

I understand that if the information I have provided is determined by the Formation Committee to be in error or false, my application will be declined. I further understand that if my application is declined due to the discovery of false information, the Formation Committee will have the right to permanently refuse any future application that I may submit to the Corpus Christi Communion.

By my signature below, I submit this document to the Formation Committee of the Corpus Christi Communion.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will be required to complete this **Statement of No Record of Sex Crime Felony Charges or Convictions** form and have it notary sealed. The Notarized Seal form is to be mailed to:

**The Corpus Christi Communion**  
Attn: Director of Vocation  
2125 Arlington #520 Toledo Ohio 43609

**The Corpus Christi Communion  
ANNUAL CLERGY STATEMENT**

**Re: Criminal Behaviors/Crimes of a Sexual nature**

The Leadership of The Corpus Christi Communion is gravely concerned about the safety of the faithful who have been placed in our charge. As such, The Corpus Christi Communion has established a zero tolerance policy for crimes against minors/children, parish members or those who may be exploited due to physical health and/or mental capacity.

At every Spring Synod, all clergy of The Corpus Christi Communion are required to submit to the Presiding Archbishop a notarized statement that indicates he/she has not been charged or convicted of a felony crime relative to sexual misconduct.

Failure to provide this statement will result in immediate suspension of ministerial faculties until such time as the statement is submitted to the Presiding Archbishop. Failure to submit the notarized statement 30 days after the Spring Synod will result in immediate revocation of faculties and dismissal from the clergy ranks of The Corpus Christi Communion.

Further, I understand that if it is determined by the Archbishop or his appointees that I have provided a false statement I will subject to immediate dismissed from the clergy of The Corpus Christi Communion.

**Notarized Statement**

Clergy Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ordination: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm by my signature below that I have not been charged nor convicted of any felony crime that is sexual in nature. I understand that if the statement I sign is demonstrated to be untrue, I will be dismissed immediately from the clergy of The Corpus Christi Communion.

Signature of Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY SEAL

## The Corpus Christi Communion Code of Professional Conduct

I \_\_\_\_\_ representing The Corpus Christi Communion, within the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, give full support to this code of professional life as a statement of my serious intent, and as an expression of commitment to Christ Jesus and his mission on earth.

In the understanding of this I know that I should at all times conduct myself with good conscience, common sense, and when appropriate in consultation with my brothers and sisters in faith. When in a doubtful situation I will seek the council of my priest and/or bishop. I will strive at all times to live a life that is an expression, and mindful, of the teachings of Christ Jesus.

Further, I will accept all of God's children with love and respect as Christ Jesus did.

This all withstanding, I \_\_\_\_\_ make the following specific assertions in relation to my ministry as a: Clergy Lay Leader

### 1. Self

I will respect and protect my own needs for spiritual growth, ethical integrity, and continuing spiritual education in order to deepen and strengthen my ministry and myself.

I commit myself to a life where the compassion of Christ governs all my relationships with respect to others.

I commit myself to honest work, believing that the honor of my work begins with the honest use of my own mind and skills.

I will sustain a respect for the ministry. I will refrain from private as well as public words, behaviors or actions degrading to my ministry or destructive of church life.

I will recognize the power that ministry may often give me and refrain from practices which are harmful to others and which endanger my integrity or my effectiveness. I will avoid inappropriate sexual practices activity with:

Any child/minor.

A person unable to make informed consent to the activity.

A person whom I am ministering or to or counseling.

The spouse or partner of a person in the parish.

Interns.

Others serving in an exploitative relationship.

Because the demands of others upon me may be many and unceasing, I will keep especially aware of the rights and needs of my family and my relation to them as spouse, partner, parent or guardian or significant other.

Note: I understand that any suspected abuse of a minor will not be tolerated and will be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities for investigation and prosecution.

### 2. Colleagues

I will stand in a supportive relation to my brothers and sisters in faith and keep for them an open mind and heart.

I will strictly respect confidences given me by colleagues, and expect them to keep mine, except in the case of being made aware of a issue of misconduct or behavior detrimental to the safety of another person or parish life.

Should I know that a colleague is engaged in practices that are damaging, as defined in this *Code of Professional Practice* or by the exercise of my own conscience, I will bring such matters to the attention of the Presiding Archbishop or other appointed authority of The Corpus Christi Communion.

I will not speak scornfully or in derogation of any colleague. In any conversation critical of a colleague, I will speak responsibly and temperately.

I will seek clear delineation of responsibility, accountability, and channels of communication before I share or assume responsibilities of a ministry with another person. I will thereafter work in collaboration, cooperation and consultation with that person. I will take care to understand changing roles and relations and re-negotiate them with clarity, respect and honesty.

**3. Colleagues**

I will uphold the practices of The Corpus Christi Communion including those self-government and those of counsel and cooperation within our community.

I will respect the traditions of the church her parishes and community of God, enriching and improving these in consultation with the members.

I will remember that this church places special trust in my professional leadership and that the members of the parish allow a volunteer or staff person to become a part of their lives on the basis of that trust. I will not abuse or exploit that trust for my own gratification.

I will not invade the private and intimate bonds of others' lives, nor will I trespass on those bonds for my own advantage or need when they are disturbed

In any relationship of intimate confidentiality, I will not exploit the needs of another person for my own gain.

I will not engage in sexual activities with a member of the parish who is not my spouse or partner.

I will encourage by my example an inclusive, loyal generous and critical spiritual leadership.

I will take responsibility for encouraging adequate sensible standards of financial and other support for the parish.

**4. Movement and Association**

I will encourage the growth of our parish and spread the Good News of Christ as lived out within our faith-community.

I will participate and encourage lay participation in meetings and activities of our diocese and/or parish and/or community.

I will encourage financial support of the local, diocesan and church body and associated welfare outreach programs.

Because respect for the worth and dignity of every person is fundamental to ministry within The Corpus Christi Communion,

I will work to confront attitudes and practices of unjust discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation/identification gender expression, age, disability, or ethnicity, within myself and in individuals and groups I serve.

In testament of my acceptance of these articles, I have this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year

of Our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ affixed my signature.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tenets of Faith

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe that Jesus is the Christ and our personal savior.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in The Holy Trinity.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the three historic creeds: Nicene, Apostles and Athanasian.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the inerrancy and divine inspiration of Holy Scriptures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the seven sacraments of the Church: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Anointing and Prayers for the Sick, Confession and Reconciliation, Marriage, and Holy Orders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe that all Holy Orders (deacons, priests, and bishops) are open to both men and women.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe that celibacy of those in Holy Orders is a personal decision.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe and hold apostolic succession.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe and accept the doctrines of the Seven Early Church Ecumenical Councils.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe and appreciate the wisdom and guidance of the Early Church Fathers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I appreciate the wisdom and guidance of the founding Elders of the Old Catholic Movement as expressed in historic documents of the Old Catholic Churches of Europe, particularly the Declaration of Utrecht.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe that homosexuality is not a sin and invite Gay/Lesbian people to participate in all sacraments, including Holy Union and Ordination.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the responsible stewardship of our planet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the sanctity of marriage, however we believe that Jesus is merciful and those who have been divorced and/or remarried are offered the sacraments of the church.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe that family planning is a personal decision between a husband and wife.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe and follow scripture in all matters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe in the scriptural teaching of Jesus Christ.
I understand, and agree with the Tenets of Faith : <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

\*Please check off the following statements:

## **Holy Cross Seminary Of The Corpus Christi Communion**

### **Holy Cross Major Seminary**

Holy Cross Seminary, located in Ohio is an endorsed member institutions of the educational outreach program of The Corpus Christi Communion. The educational programs offered by Holy Cross Seminary are theological in nature and content and are uniquely designed to enhance and promote the ministries of the clergy, religious and faithful of the church and those who may seek a deeper understanding of the a reformed Catholic, Anglican, and Ecumenical faith traditions. As such, Holy Cross Seminary is considered religious educational organizations.



### **Holy Cross Major Seminary**

#### **The Ministry Training Program of Corpus Christi Communion**

Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Churches

**SEMINARY CATALOG  
ACADEMIC YEARS  
2018-2021**

**Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program**

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# Theological Institute of The Corpus Christi Communion

## Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program

### Catalog for Academic Years 2018-2021

#### Definition as Religious Institutions

Holy Cross Major Seminary, The Ministry Training Program is an endorsed member institutions of the educational outreach program of The Corpus Christi Communion. The educational programs offered by the Seminary are theological in nature and content and are uniquely designed to enhance and promote the ministries of the clergy, religious and faithful of the church and those who may seek a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith tradition. As such, Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program is considered religious educational organizations.

#### History of the Institutions

Founded in 2003 in Columbus, Ohio by Archbishop Phillip Zimmerman, ThD. Holy Cross Major Seminary has been providing on-site training and distance learning to candidates for Holy Orders, clergy, religious and the faithful of The Corpus Christi Communion. In 2011 The Ministry Training Program of the Corpus Christi Communion was added to the educational program.

#### Vision of the Institutions

Every church has need of competent, qualified clergy and lay leadership. The Seminary - Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion have been designed to meet the diverse needs of the communities that they serve and present our Vision of the Seminary Mission:

*The Vision of Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program is to advance the gospel message of Jesus Christ among all people in culturally sensitive ways. As a Spirit-empowered, biblically grounded, and passionate community of learning, Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program strive to develop and equip whole and holy persons to serve and lead so that churches and ministry can become all they are called to be and do all they are called to do in the world for the glory of God.*

#### Mission of the Institutions

The Mission of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion is to provide quality education and formation programs for seminarians and those seeking to better understand their faith tradition in order to develop competent, qualified clergy and sound, informed lay leadership.

#### Institution Contact Information

**President of The Seminary Programs of the CCC**  
Archbishop M. Heckman, DD CCSJ  
[Metropolitan@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Metropolitan@corpuschristicommunion.org)

**Dean of The Seminary Programs of the CCC**  
Very Reverend Dr, Felicia Williams Jackson CCSJ

**Rector of The Seminary Programs of the CCC**  
Rev, Fr, Joseph Richards  
E-mail [Rector@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:Rector@corpuschristicommunion.org)

**Holy Cross Major Seminary**  
Email: [formation@corpuschristicommunion.org](mailto:formation@corpuschristicommunion.org)

### Extension Campuses and Distance Learning

Those outside of the United States who are seeking to obtain their seminary training through Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program Theological Institute may complete their training through distance learning, utilizing internet, email and telephone services and, if available, attend classes/training sessions at Extension Campuses/Sites. Corpus Christi Communion Territorial Primate and their Diocesan Bishops have been granted authority from the Presiding Bishop to establish seminary extension campuses in order to make training more readily accessible to their clergy and seminarians.

### Licensing of The Institutions

Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program is subject to the laws of The United States and specifically to the laws governing educational institutions operating in the state of Ohio.

### Accreditation Status

In the United States, accreditation is not required for seminaries to award religious AA, BA, MA, or Ph.D degrees. A religious degree (AA, BA, MA, or Ph.D) is valid in the United States. Institutions offering purely religious degrees are exempt from licensing requirements in many states, subject to specific rules in each state.

### Consumer Advocacy

The Theological Institute is committed to practices which protect the rights of the public and those who attend its educational programs. Students of the Seminaries are entitled to immediate responses/resolution of their concerns.

### Commitment to Educational and Institutional Integrity

Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program is firmly focused upon and committed to a “best practices” policy that is reflective of Catholic values of integrity, both in the educational material provided to the students as well as institutional integrity of the Seminary. Our objective is to provide quality educational experiences for our students that will have a significant and lasting impact in both their personal and ministerial lives.

### Honor Code

The core values of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the Church and its educational outreach program is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

### Nature of Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees Awarded

As religious educational programs of The Corpus Christi Communion, all certificates, diplomas and degrees granted by the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of the Church are religious in nature. The Corpus Christi Communion makes no claim nor guarantees that its certificates, diplomas or degrees will be recognized by secular agencies or employers.

### Education Partnerships and Certification Authority

Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program, as the official educational outreach of The Corpus Christi Communion, serves as the Certification Authority for The Corpus Christi Communion, The Anglican Rite, The Ecumenical Rite and other Old Catholic, Independent Catholic jurisdictions.

## Administration

President, Archbishop M. Heckman, DD CCSJ  
Deans, Very Reverend Dr, Felicia Williams Jackson CCSJ  
Rector Rev, Fr, Joseph Richards  
Bursar

## Faculty

Clergy and Lay Leadership of The Corpus Christi Communion, as well as other Independent/Old Catholic Churches serve as the faculty of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of Corpus Christi Communion. The members of the faculty are chosen for the theological, doctrinal and polity experience/expertise they have gained through active ministry so that they can properly prepare seminarians for sacramental catholic ministerial service.

## Counselors

Counselors are available through the Formation Department for the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion. For questions or information, please contact the Formation Dept. at 419.517.6768 by email [Formation@CorpusChristiCommunion.org](mailto:Formation@CorpusChristiCommunion.org)

## Church/Religious Life

The programs of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program are religious in nature and uniquely designed to prepare students for service as ministers of the church, those who are accepted into the programs of The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion are required to participate in regular religious formation, prayer life, parish life and to attend mass on a regular basis.

## Equal Opportunity/Diversity Statement

The Corpus Christi Communion and the educational outreach programs offered by Holy Cross Major Seminary - The Ministry Training Program strictly adhere to a non discrimination policy:

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion is committed to an educational and working environment that provides equal opportunity to all members of the community. In accordance with federal and state law, the Seminary prohibits unlawful or unethical discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, citizenship, and veteran status. Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is also prohibited pursuant to The Corpus Christi Communion Canons and Constitution.

## Privacy Policy

### **Collection of Personal Information**

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion collect personally identifiable information, such as your e-mail address, name, home or work address or telephone number. Graduate Studies also collects anonymous demographic information, which is not unique to you, such as your ZIP code, age, gender, preferences, interests and favorites.

### **Use of your Personal Information**

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion collect and use your personal information to operate the Seminary site and deliver the services you have requested. The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program also use your personally identifiable information to inform you of other services available from The Corpus Christi Communion and or other affiliated ecclesial bodies. The Graduate Services Office of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program may also contact you via surveys to conduct research about your opinion of current services or of potential new services or training that may be offered.

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion do not use or disclose sensitive personal information, such as race, religion, or political affiliations, without your explicit consent.

Graduate Studies keeps track of the Web sites and pages our customers visit within Graduate Studies, in order to determine what Graduate Studies services are the most popular. This data is used to deliver customized content and advertising within Graduate Studies to customers whose behavior indicates that they are interested in a particular subject area.

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion will disclose your personal information, without notice, only if required to do so by law or in the good faith belief that such action is necessary to: (a) conform to the edicts of the law or comply with legal process served on Graduate Studies or the site; (b) protect and defend the rights or property of The Corpus Christi Communion and, (c) act under exigent circumstances to protect the personal safety of the public.

## Admission Policy

Candidates for Holy Orders in The Corpus Christi Communion are admitted to the educational programs of the Seminaries upon successful completion of the following requirements:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year**

Completion of High School Diploma or General Education Diploma  
Completed Application for Admission  
Submission of Application fee: \$25.00  
Two Letters of Recommendation  
Recommendation of the local Diocesan Bishop or Religious Order Provincial  
Approval Notice for Admission

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

Completion of Undergraduate Program  
Copy of Transcript from College/University  
Completed Application for Admission  
Submission of Application Fee: \$50.00  
Two letters of Recommendation  
Recommendation of the local Diocesan Bishop or Religious Order Provincial  
Approval Notice for Admission

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

Completion of Graduate Degree Program  
Copy of Transcript from College/University  
Completion of Application for Admission  
Submission of Application Fee: \$75.00  
Two Letters of Recommendation  
Recommendation of the local Diocesan Bishop or Religious Order Provincial  
Approval Notice for Admission

## Tuition and Supplies Charges

Note: Applicants who have not been accepted as candidates for Holy Orders or those who are not members of The Corpus Christi Communion are subject to the same requirements; however, they are not eligible for scholarships or tuition waivers offered to clergy and members of The Corpus Christi Communion.

### Fees and Deposits

Policies governing the payment or refund of tuition, fees, and other charges are approved by the Board of Regents of The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion and comply with applicable federal statutes. Tuition and fees are subject to change upon action of the Regents and become effective on the date enacted. For clarification of any matter relating to payment or refund of charges, a student should contact the Vicar of Finance or Dean of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program.

### Financial Responsibility

Students are expected to meet financial obligations to the Seminary when they are due. Registration fees are due when notified, and students are not entitled to attend classes unless their fees have been paid in full or in accordance with an approved installment plan. Failure to comply with tuition payment deadlines may result in the cancellation of registration. Other charges are due within ten days after the bill is issued by the Seminary or according to any payment instructions on the bill.

If the student does not pay the amount owed by the due date, the Seminary may bar the student from registration and may withhold official transcripts and diplomas.

Payment of registration fees, for the exact amount due, may be made by personal check, money order or PayPal

### Returned Checks

When a check or electronic payment, hereinafter referred to as a check, is returned to the Seminary, a \$35 service charge is assessed. The student has ten days from the date of the notice to make full payment by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to comply will result in refusal by the Seminary to accept future personal checks. If the returned check was for registration fees or to clear a registration bar, the student's registration will be canceled; a service charge of \$35 and a late charge, if applicable, are assessed for all other returned checks.

## Tuition Charges

Members of The Corpus Christi Communion are asked to contribute \$30.00 each month to the Seminary that they are attending to help offset the expenses related to their education.

Non- Corpus Christi Communion members are requested to contribute \$60.00 each month to the Seminary that they are attending to help offset the expenses related to their education.

Students who are experiencing financial difficulties may apply for a scholarship. Applications for Financial Hardship Scholarships are available from the Deans of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program.

## Refund Policy

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion employ a Pro Rata Refund Policy for the benefit of the students. Students who withdraw or who are dismissed may be entitled to a refund of the tuition or fees that they pay to the Seminary. Refunds will be disbursed to the student 30 days after the date the withdrawal/dismissal becomes effective.

**Satisfactory Progress Policy**

Students attending the programs of The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of Corpus Christi Communion are required to demonstrate academic achievement through a process called Satisfactory Progress. Satisfactory Progress is defined as a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) by mid-point (half way completion) of the program.

**Withdrawal Policy**

A student may withdraw from a class or the seminary program by writing to the Registrar of the Seminary asking to withdraw or drop a class. If a refund of tuition/supplies is due to the student, the seminary will ensure that the refund is made within 30 days of the student’s withdrawal date.

**Dismissal Policy**

A student who is not making Satisfactory Progress or failing to maintain a lifestyle that is appropriate and consistent for the ministerial office to which he/she aspires, or who has demonstrated academic dishonesty may be dismissed from the Seminary Program. Prior to dismissal, the student will receive correspondence from the Rector to address and correct the problem. If the student does not demonstrate academic improvement, or an impediment to continued participation in the seminary exists, the student will be dismissed. A student who is dismissed may appeal the dismissal to the President of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program.

Students who are dismissed may reapply for classes at the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program after a six month period from the date of dismissal has passed. The Student will retain credit for all courses successfully taken and passed.

**Complaint/Redress Policy**

Students who have a concern or complaint about the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program are entitled to register a complaint with the Deans of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program. The Dean will consult with the student to address the concern. If the Rector is not able to effectively address and resolve the matter, the student may contact the President of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program for resolution of the matter.

**Departments**

The Departments of the Seminary of The Corpus Christi Communion are:

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Member</u></b>
Administration	President, Deans, Rector, Bursar
Admission	Formation and Staff
Education	Instructors and Teaching Assistants
Formation	Formation/Spiritual Directors

## Grading System

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion employ a grade point average system to evaluate academic progress:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0.0
I	Incomplete
W	Withdrawn
R	Repeat

### Satisfactory Progress

A student with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) is considered making Satisfactory Progress. A student may not graduate from the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program with a grade point average below 2.0 (C).

### Academic Probation

Students who fail to reach a 2.0 (C) average by the midpoint of the program are placed on Academic Probation until the end of the quarter. Students who fail to reach a 2.0 (C) average at the end of the quarter are dismissed from the program.

## Library

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion retain a diverse and up-to-date library of Theological, Doctrinal, Philosophical, Social Studies, Language and Linguistic, Healthcare, Historical and Cultural and Reference materials for student and faculty use.

The textbooks and materials of the Bishop Peter Posthumus Memorial Theological Library of Holy Cross Major Seminary, Toledo, Ohio are available to all seminarians. The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of the Corpus Christi Communion also encourage the use of electronic media and the internet to obtain information that might not be readily available on site.

The Seminary strongly encourages the use of the internet to obtain additional reference materials and information.

## Educational Methodology

The Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion employ a variety of educational methodologies to deliver information to the seminarians. Combinations of classroom training, long distance learning, website training and personal contact between instructor and student are employed to enhance the seminarian's educational experience. Students attending programs of the seminary will be actively involved in reading, research, term paper preparation and verbal and/or written quizzes and examinations.

## Academic Credit for Ministerial Experience

Recognizing that students who have been involved in active ministry have acquired unique skills, the Seminary of Corpus Christi Communion are pleased to offer these students academic credit for their experience. Students who have been in active ministry for five years will receive three years' academic credit for the Bachelor's Degree Program. Students seeking ministerial credit must submit a detailed description of ministerial service to the Dean of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program that they are attending. They must also provide letters of recommendation from ministerial supervisors that will confirm that the student was actively involved in ministerial service. The Dean will grant approval for the ministerial credit upon verification of the information provided.

### Acceptance of College Credits

It is the policy of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of Corpus Christi Communion to accept academic credits from ALL legitimate, licensed educational institutions. Credits will be applied to the program that the student is attending and will serve to fulfill requirements for program completion. Students are required to submit official transcripts to the Registrar prior to beginning program coursework.

### Annual Seminary Week

Students attending the programs of the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion are encouraged to participate in annual meetings of the Church. Seminarians will engage in a variety of educational and social experiences, including classroom training, active ministry and liturgical celebrations. The Annual Seminary Week takes place after the General Synod. Annual Seminary will take place in Ohio.

### Practicum

Students attending the programs offered by the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion will be encouraged to participate in a Practicum, experience by engaging in ministerial work at a local Corpus Christi Communion mission, parish or ministry. Other denominational ministries will be considered if they meet the requirements of the seminary program.

### Certificates/Diplomas Awarded

Upon successful completion of the coursework and the recommendation of the faculty, the President and Deans of the Seminary will confer upon the student a certificate, diploma or degree depending upon the course the student completed.

With the Authority of the Presiding Bishop, the Seminary - The Ministry Training Program of The Corpus Christi Communion may award Honoris Causa (honorary) degrees to individuals who have contributed greatly to the mission of the church and/or demonstrated outstanding ministerial or community service.

### Graduate Services Department Support

Recognizing that Seminarians may need assistance once they complete the program, the Office of Graduate Services is available to help the graduate to prepare, fax and mail/email resumes, and assist the graduate with developing secular employment leads/opportunities.

PROGRAM OF STUDY -- 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Title of Course	Course	Credits
Introduction to the CCC	CCC101	4.5
Introduction to Theology	Th101	4.5
Introduction to Liturgy	Lit101	4.5
Introduction to the Scripture	SCR101	4.5
Stewardship and Evangelism	STE101	4.5
Introduction to CCC History	CH101	4.5
Church History	CH102	15
Spirituality	SPR101	4.5
GENERAL STUDIES	GS101	4.5
CREDITS FOR PROGRAM:		51 CREDITS

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS****Course: CCC101 Introduction to the CCC**

In this course the student will spend time learning the Canons of the CCC and the SOPs. Review and introduction to the Clergy Manuals and documents of the Church.

**Course: SPR101 SPIRITUALITY**

This course helps the student discern the most important elements of the spiritual life. One is also exposed to some of the Eastern Fathers in this course.

The life of the Spirit is the source and inspiration for anyone seeking a deep, personal and committed relationship with the Lord Jesus.

There are many paths that one can take in developing that encounter with the Risen Christ., BUT, every form of spirituality and ministry must be rooted in prayers, the Eucharist, a holy way of life and theological inquiry.

St. Dominic summarized spirituality and ministry in the best way: “**contemplare et contemplata aliis trader**” meaning: “*to contemplate and to share the fruits of one’s contemplation*”

Daily prayers, with meditation on the Gospels, frequent participation in the Eucharist, spiritual direction and contact with the larger church body will help to shape, mold, and express the personal gifts given to each person, for the common good.

It is important that one be conscious of their own path of spirituality and seek not only to en flesh it, but to nourish it daily, for the life of the soul is the heart of Christian ministry.

Essential reading for this course includes: **St. Augustine THE CITY OF GOD**

**Thomas Merton THE SEVENTH MOUNTAIN and CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

**Henri Nouwen REACHING OUT and COMPASSION and WOUNDED HEALER**

**Anthony diMello, SONG OF THE BIRD, AWARENESS and WAY OF LOVE**

**Course: STE101 STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM**

- Stewardship begins with the Pastor Seminar
- Funding our Global Mission Seminar
- The Value of the Three “T”s, Time, (Talent and Treasure) Seminar
- Evangelism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Course: SCR101 HOLY SCRIPTURES**

The word of God, in the form of the written books of revelation and the person of Jesus the Church, are the ultimate sources and expression of the nature of the Unseen God. All traditions find their point of origin and their meaning in the Tradition, which is the Bible and the Person of Jesus.

In this course, special emphasis is placed on the books of EXODUS, ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN, and the EPISTLES.

The texts used in the presentation of this course are excellent tools to introduce students to theological studies, and provide elaboration of the Gospels and the Letters of Paul. Essential reading for this course includes: **Wilfred Harrington KEY TO THE BIBLE**, **John McKenzie DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE**, **THE JEROME BIBLICAL COMMENTARY**, and the **Catholic Commentary of Holy Scriptures**

**Course: CH102 INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY**

A study of the early Christian Church- Constantine to Gregory the Great, with emphasis on the first seven Ecumenical Councils of the undivided Church and the heresies leading to them.

**CHURCH HISTORY**

This course focuses on the history of the Church from conception to the end of the seventh century. It is an in-depth study of this time period concerning all the different philosophies and Christian thought that influenced the Church.

**THE PATRISTIC CHURCH**

A survey of the history of the Church from the age of the Apostles to the beginning of the Middle Ages. The course will focus on the spread of the Church, the persecutions, the development of Church doctrine and the efforts to combat heresy, and the growth of the aspects of the Church. This course helps the student appreciate the formulation of the doctrine of the Church as it progressed from the Post-New Testament period through the fifth century. To be able to appreciate theological formulation as a gradual process.

**THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH**

An examination of the Church during the Middle Ages. Attention will be paid to the growth of Church institutions, especially: the Papacy, the role of monasticism; the relation of the Church to the state; and the decline of the Church before the Reformation.

**CHURCH HISTORY SINCE THE REFORMATION**

A study of the period in England from the times of Elizabeth through Wesley and to the early church in the United States.

**OLD CATHOLIC HISTORY I**

The history of the Church of Utrecht, from the evangelization of the "low countries" by St. Willibrord through the so-called First Vatican Council. Particular attention will be paid to the Devotio Moderna and Jansenist movements, the evolution of ecclesiological structures particular to the Dutch Church, and how these developments are connected to what later became Old Catholicism both within and without the "Utrecht Union."

**OLD CATHOLIC HISTORY II**

A survey of the History of Old Catholics beginning with the early Congresses immediately following the "First Vatican Council," through the establishment of Old Catholicism in England and its spread to America, including the history of the movement on this continent. The course concludes with an examination of the various ethnic and non-ethnic Ecclesial bodies with Old Catholic origins which have arisen in the Americas and a brief overview of contemporary Old Catholic issues.

**Course: CH101 CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNION HISTORY**

The History of The Corpus Christi Communion, from its beginning in 2000 to the present time. Particular attention is paid to the independent catholic movement and the necessity of The Corpus Christi Communion to more clearly differentiate itself from the Old Catholic/Independent Catholic churches, which depend upon their loose, and in many cases, almost non-existent association with the Old Catholic Church of Utrecht for ecclesial authority and validity. The Tenets of Faith and "Eight Essentials" of The Corpus Christi Communion will be explored.

**Course: GS101 GENERAL STUDIES**

**FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY**

The development of the ministry of prayer and sacrifice in the life of the Priest. This course is to help the student develop a basic knowledge and general familiarity with the history, beliefs and worship of The Church. Such knowledge and familiarity is a necessary foundation for all other studies.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY**

The basis of the Church's ministry is explored according to the role characteristic of the Orders of Laity, Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. The Canonical process toward Ordination is explained.

Title of Course	Course	Credits
Introduction to Dogmatic Theology	Th201	4.5
Introduction to Moral Theology	Th202	4.5
Introduction to Pastoral Theology	Th203	4.5
Introduction to the Old Testament	SC201	4.5
Introduction to the New Testament	SC202	4.5
Sacred Scriptures	SC203	4.5
Christology	CRS200	4.5
Ecclesiology	ECC200	4.5
Catholicism	CAT200	4.5
Sacramental Life	SAC200	4.5
Eucharist	EUC200	4.5
Ministry and Holy Order	MIN200	4.5
Morality	MOR200	4.5
Mariology	MAR200	4.5
CREDITS FOR PROGRAM:		63.5 CREDITS

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**Course: TH201 INTRODUCTION TO DOGMATIC THEOLOGY**

- A) THE NEED FOR DOGMATIC THEOLOGY.
- 1) What is Theology?
  - 2) The importance of Dogmatic Theology
  - 3) A short history of the different major religions
  - 4) Philosophical elements in Theology: i) Truth ii) The ability to recognize truth
- B) THE OBJECT OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY.
- 1) God
  - 2) God's Creation: i) The Material World ii) The Spiritual World iii) Mankind
- C) THE SOURCES OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY.
- 1) The Holy Scripture
  - 2) The Human Reason
  - 3) The History of the Church
  - 4) The Christian Tradition
  - 5) Patristics
- D) THE KNOWLEDGE, REVELATION, FAITH AND RELIGION
- E) THE DOCTRINE OF GOD
- 1) The Existence of God and possibilities to prove it. , 2) The essence of God
- F) THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY
- G) THE IMPORTANCE OF APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

**Course: TH202 INTRODUCTION TO MORAL THEOLOGY**

- A) WHAT IS MORAL THEOLOGY
  - B) THE ULTIMATE END OF MAN
  - C) HUMAN ACTS
  - D) LAW
  - E) CONSCIENCE
  - F) SIN AN OVERVIEW
  - G) VIRTUE AN OVERVIEW
  - H) THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES
- 1) Faith, 2) Hope , 3) Charity

**CLERGY MANUAL VOLUME A**

**Course: TH203 INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL THEOLOGY**

- A) 1) Persons and problems, 2) The work of the Pastor, 3) Interpersonal psychology
- B) 1) The outreach of the Pastor, 2) Pastoral calls, 3) Group leadership, 4) Public Ministry
- C) 1) What is Counseling, 2) Responsive relationship, 3) Expression of Need, 4) Emotional understanding 5) Our responsibility

**Course: SC201 INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT**

A study is made of the Old Testament noting the messages of each book and the history of the Hebrew Nation from Abraham to the return of the remnant from exile.

**Course: SC202 INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT**

The student is introduced to the New Testament, its nature and its scope. A survey is made of all the books of the New Testament. Romans- Salvation as presented by St. Paul in the letter is studied. Critical reading and interpretation of the text especially in regards to its Christology and Soteriology.

The General Epistles- The letters of James, Peter and Jude are the subjects of this study.

**Course: SC203 SACRED SCRIPTURES**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

A general overview of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, with the Apocrypha and the development of the Sacred Canon of Scripture. An introductory overview of the Bible allowing the student to acquire an understanding of how the Bible was written, the historical timeline represented in the compilation of the Bible and the sociological, political and cultural climates in which each book of scripture was written; in addition, the student will learn which "specific communities of peoples" each book of scripture was originally written for and by.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT - INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT: A SURVEY**

In this course the student explore the Scriptures in order to gain an understanding of God's eternal message to the world.

**OLD TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION I: THE PENTATEUCH & FORMER PROPHETS**

The history and literature of the Israelites from their beginnings to the period of the Divided Monarchy, and the principal lines of theology in this literature. Some attention will be given to historical-critical method in treating these texts.

**OLD TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION II: PROPHETS AND WRITINGS**

The history and literature of the Israelite people from the beginning of the Divided Monarchy to the advent of the Roman Empire in Palestine, the principal lines of theology in this literature and the development of the Old Testament Canon. Concentration will be given to each century during the prophetic movement. The political history of that century will be studied from the perspective of a representative prophet.

**THE MINOR PROPHETS**

Common knowledge of the prophets among churchgoers is almost always limited to large passages from the Major Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. This course is designed to explore the twelve Minor Prophets whose words are less familiar but no less powerful than those of the more prolific writers. Theological themes, literary devices, and historical background will be emphasized during the course. The reading focus will be the primary text with secondary texts used for information and background.

**THE PSALMS**

An exegetical study of the English text of the psalms with an introduction to modern hermeneutic and theological approaches to psalm study. Special attention will be paid to the various contexts in which the psalms are understood: their use and re-use in Israel's worship, at Qumran, in the New Testament, and in the contemporary church

**THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT: A SURVEY**

In this course the student explore the Scriptures in order to gain an understanding of God's eternal message to the world. The student will learn to relate the Old Testament and New Testament writings together, the one the fulfillment of the other.

**NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION I**

A study of the gospels as early Christian responses and witnesses to Jesus Christ. Attention is given to historical background and setting, literary composition, critical methods, theological concerns, and the implications of each gospel's distinctive way of telling the story of Jesus for the Church's preaching, teaching, and life together

**NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION II**

This second semester of the year-long Introduction to the New Testament surveys Paul's letters, other New Testament Epistles, the Acts of the Apostles, and Revelation. Attention will be given to historical background and setting, literary genre, the development of the early church, history of the interpretation of texts, and basic issues of New Testament theology, together with their implications for the church's faith and life together.

## CLERGY MANUAL VOLUME A

### NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

A seminar exploring issues in and approaches to the theology of New Testament writings, uses of the New Testament in constructive theology, and theological perspectives on the New Testament as scripture. Topics to be explored include: the quest for the historical Jesus, Jesus and Judaism, unity and diversity in the canon, the nature of biblical authority, and the relationship between the Testaments.

### THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Provides a framework for Christological examination based on experience and scholarship, allowing the student to reflect upon and explore her/his past and present spiritual journey. Familiarizes the student with the Gospels and their points of departure from one another as well as those between the "Christ of the Church" and the "historical Jesus" The student will evaluate his/her understanding of Jesus and develop a Christological statement.

### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The study of the Gospel of John within the context of its historical environment. Through a careful reading of selected passages, this course explores the Fourth Gospel's distinctive way of telling the story of Jesus. Historical, theological, literary, and homiletical issues will be considered.

### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

An examination of the events in this earliest record of the life of the Church in the apostolic age, as a vital model of spiritual and ecclesiological development for the contemporary Christian and the Church in our age.

### THE GENERAL OR PASTORAL LETTERS

#### SELECTED PAULINE EPISTLES

A study and discussion of the meaning of I Thessalonians, Galatians, I and II Corinthians and Philippians in their original setting.

#### PHILEMON, COLOSSIANS, AND EPHESIANS

Through study of an important but often neglected short Pauline letter and two Deutero- Pauline, this course will explore the transmission and transformation of the Pauline heritage in the last third of the first century

### Course: CHR200 CHRISTOLOGY

The church's varied understanding and interpretations of the God-Human, Jesus the Christ, can be seen, first of all, in the images from the OLD and NEW Testaments. They can be further explored in the creedal affirmations of the early church and the church fathers. Our understanding of "and you, who do you say I am?" will be the basis of how we view the church and our own personal ministry. We will explore our understanding of Jesus the Christ, and present further possibilities for relating to the cosmic Christ in the present and in the future.

Essential Reading includes: **Raymond Brown, AN INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTOLOGY, And the CONCISE SACRAMENTUM MUNDI** **Fulton Sheen The Life of Christ**

### Course ECC200 ECCLESIOLOGY

It is always to be held that even in though the church was founded by Christ in a hierarchical mode, that the soul of the church is always the Spirit and the heart of the church is always communal. By Baptism, we are all a priestly people. The very nature of the church will be explored through the words of Pope Pius XII's encyclical letter, MYSTICII CORPORIS and Vatican Council II's CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH. Essential reading includes:

**Avery Dulles THE MODELS OF THE CHURCH, CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH, MYSTICII CORPORIS**

### Course: CAT200 CATHOLICISM

Since the Corpus Christi Communion is part of the Catholic Church, and one expression of the church in our present day, it is essential that each member comprehend the depth of church history, the impact that the church has had down through the centuries on humanity, and the special gift that the church can give to the modern world and the hope to which it calls us in this live and beyond.

Essential reading includes: **Richard McBrian CATHOLICISM**

### Course: SAC200 SACRAMENTAL LIFE

The seven sacraments of the church distinguish the catholic experience of faith in its totality of expression, it is the source and the summit of the church and the unique contribution that catholicism brings to the world. We believe that Jesus the Christ is the sign of the Creator's love, and that the church is the elongation of the presence of Jesus into our world, taking seven specific manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord through Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Eucharist, matrimony, Holy Order, and the Anointing of the Sick. The Roman Church's rite and form for each sacramental action will be explored, and each past of the rite will be fully explained, as the basis for all sacramental life within the Corpus Christi Communion.

Essential reading includes: **Vatican Council II DECLARATION ON THE LITURGY**  
**Edward Shillebeeckx CHRIST: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ENCOUNTER WITH GOD**

**CLERGY MANUAL VOLUME A**

**Course: EUC200 EUCHARIST**

The word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”, and all forms of worship within the catholic community of faith must take on the form of genuine thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is our ultimate form of worship, and within the Body of Christ that is ultimately symbolized and expressed in the Mass of Christian Worship.

Essential Reading includes:

**Josef Jungmann** THE MASS and THE MASS OF THE ROMAN RITE  
**Joachim Jeremias** THE EUCHARISTIC WORDS OF JESUS  
**Pope Paul VI** MYSTERIUM FIDEI

**Course: MIN200 MINISTRY & ORDERS**

All ministerial life in the church finds its inspiration in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of the Lord, as witnessed in the Gospels and Letters of St. Paul.

Our ministry is simply a continuation of the healing, reconciling and saving work of the Lord. Every baptized person takes on the person of Christ, and are meant to be Christ for their world.

In this course, we will highlight the history of Christian Ministry, and Holy Orders in the Catholic Church. The words of the rites of baptism and ordination are used to understand the concrete and visible call to serve.

Essential reading includes:

**Bernard Cooke** MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Course: MOR200 MORALITY**

The Corpus Christi Communion teaches and believes that there are objective norms and truths that flow from creation, the natural law and the life of the Spirit. That individual and informed conscience, mold on Gospel values of truth, justice, compassion and love are supreme and absolute motivational forces for the human person and are to be respected in each human judgment and human act.

Morality is always our response to the life of the Spirit within each human person and a loving way of life for the community at large.

The Reformed Catholic Church teaches the values of the Gospel, however, we teach those values with the individual in mind and with a pastoral approach. Respecting human freedom and dignity. We trust that if people are living in the Spirit of Truth, they will be able to decide right and just conduct with their lives and interactions with the broader community of individuals.

Essential reading includes:

**Rudolph Schnackenburg** THE MORAL TEACHING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT  
**Philip Keane** SEXUAL MORALITY  
**Richard McCormick** HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

**Course: MAR200 MARIOLOGY**

At the foot of the Cross, Jesus gave us Mary, as Our Mother and the Mother of the Church She is seen as mediatrix of all graces.

Devotion to the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church has always been a part of our spiritual life from the very beginning.

Without her fiat, made in absolute faith, the redemption of humanity would not have taken place. As a result, She is also the first Christian and the first preacher of the Good News.

Essential reading includes:

**Raymond Brown** MARY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT  
**Alphonsus Ligouri**  
**Edward Schillebeeck** MARY, THE MOTHER OF THE REDEPTION  
**J. Neville Ward** FIVE FOR SORROW, TEN FOR JOY  
**George Maloney** MARY: THE WOMB OF GOD

Title of Course	Course	Credits
Introduction to Patristics	CF303	15
Theological Studies	TS301	15
Sacramental Theological	TS 302	15
Canon Law	CL300	15
Introduction to Hermenutics	HER701	15
Pastoral Care and Counseling	PCC300	15
Homiletics	HOM301	15
Liturgy and Worship	LWO300	15
Practicum	PRC300	10
CREDITS FOR PROGRAM:		140 CREDITS

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Course: CF301 INTRODUCTION TO PATRISTICS**

An extensive introduction into the study of Patristics. A panoramic evaluation of the unfolding story of Christian revelation portraying the life, times and vigor of the Primitive Church- the drama, trail of the challenge of Paganism, triumphs and failures. A fundamental survey of the Apostolic and Church Fathers- what they wrote and why. The origins of Patristic literature. The personalities and their mutual relationships during the Apostolic period.

#### **Course: TS301 THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

##### INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

This course will serve as a basic introduction to the philosophic Disciplines of Logic, Cosmology, Psychology, Ethics, Epistemology, and Ontology. As “theologians in training,” we will begin to appropriate the natural wisdom of the ages as a foundation for the larger enterprise of Catholic theology. Emphasis will be placed upon the assimilation and application of the concepts introduced.

##### ASCETICAL THEOLOGY: THE LIFE OF PRAYER

This course is not foremost a course about the theology of prayer, rather it is a year-long exercise in which the student is made aware of the long spiritual treasury in the Church history with the view to developing a personal and regular prayer life. The benefit and procedures of spiritual direction are given proper emphasis.

#### **Course: TS302 SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY**

The sacramental principle in Catholic doctrine will be studied. The Seven Sacraments will be set out in this framework. Primary emphasis will be placed on the Sacrament of Christian Initiation and the Holy Eucharist and their effectual imparted grace. The sacraments as a way of life are stressed throughout the course.

##### DOGMATIC THEOLOGY I AND II

This year-long course involves the student in learning to think theologically. Beginning with the doctrine of Creation and the Fall, the course moves into the Incarnation and its implications. The historical development of the Doctrines of Christ and the Dogma of the Holy Trinity are central to the course. A theological understanding of the nature of the Church, its goal and purpose concludes the course.

##### THEOLOGICAL SURVEY I

A survey of the field of Sacred Theology and examination of the theological method. The student gains insight into vocabulary, the nature of biblical revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, infallibility.

##### THEOLOGICAL SURVEY II

A survey of theological development from the post- Apostolic age through the Reformation. Emphasis is given to the Credal councils, major theological change of emphasis through the ages to the later theological problems of the Reformation.

## **CLERGY MANUAL VOLUME A**

### **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I**

An introduction to the sources and methods of theology. An overview of friendly and hostile schools at the time of the early Christian Church. In this course the student will learn of the Ecumenical Councils' teachings on Christology along with the Church Fathers.

### **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II**

A survey of the common places of theology as it became systematically organized. The doctrines of God, Man, the Incarnation, the Atonement, and the Resurrection are studied. This course helps the student develop a phenomenological approach to the doctrine of knowledge; show that the knowledge of God is the definite goal of human existence; point to the limitation of the human mind in regard to the knowledge of God; and show that God can be known by the human mind, not supernaturally, but on the "natural" level.

### **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III**

The continuation of the study of systematic theology. The Holy Spirit, the Church and Eschatology, together with Ecclesiology. In this course the student will have gain an understanding of what eschatology is and thus be able to provide stronger pastoral care to those nearing their end in this world and those left behind.

### **CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND MORAL THEOLOGY**

This course is designed to develop models to assist the conscience in making right decisions. The traditional ethical systems through the history of the Church will be discussed. God's revelation and His righteous will as lived in a complex modern society is a continuing concern of this course. This course provides solid background for those who work with leadership ministries.

### **THE OLD CATHOLIC CHARISM: CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN A DIVIDED CHURCH**

This course examines the particular theological issues raised by the particular historical events which gave rise to the Church of Utrecht and its descendants becoming estranged from the larger Church, the theological processes which were brought to bear on these issues, and the distinctive approach to theology which characteristic of the Old Catholic Churches.

### **Course: CL300 CANON LAW**

This course will serve as a basic introduction to the canon law of the church.

### **Course: HER301 INTRODUCTION TO HERMENUTICS**

- A) The need to interpret
- B) The basic tools
- C) The Epistles learning to think contextually
- D) The Epistles: The Hermeneutical Questions

### **Course: PCC300 PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING**

#### **PASTORAL CARE I: INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL COUNSELING**

This course helps the student understand the basics of pastoral care, with an emphasis on "foundations," covering both theories and personalities. Discussion on effective utilization of the Holy Scripture in counseling. An overview of the issues, dynamics, and disorders that the pastoral counselor may face with an emphasis on the responsibilities, ministerial methods, and rational limits of pastoral care and the appropriateness of treatment or referral.

#### **PASTORAL CARE II: ETHICS IN MINISTRY AND COUNSELING TECHNIQUES**

This course focuses more closely on "themes and theological issues" relevant to pastoral care. Legal and ethical issues in ministry: Defines the legal responsibility of ministry within the context of local and state laws. Helps the student to develop a counseling policy as a means of prevention as well as recognition of one's own competence in specific areas. The student will learn legal obligations, boundaries in ministry, litigation prevention, client confidence, support policy and referral resources within the counseling, social work, and psychiatric and clinical psychological professions. Instruction on basic and essential counseling skills such as goal setting, attentiveness, reflection and mirroring, probing, focusing, and closure.

#### **PASTORAL CARE III: FAMILY COUNSELING AND LIFE ISSUES**

Presentation of the dynamics and issues common to today's families and appropriate counseling strategies. Identification and exploration of the key issues associated with pre-marital and marital counseling such as questions of compatibility, needs assessment, communication skills, and conflict resolution. A discussion of typical daily stresses and effective coping techniques from the Christian perspective. Pastoral Counseling strategies for adults and children traumatized by divorce. How to deal with disruptive or intrusive people without alienating them.

## **CLERGY MANUAL VOLUME A**

### **PASTORAL CARE IV: SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES**

A discussion on assessing the precipitating and contributing factors of depression, appropriate counseling techniques, and determination of further psychological/psychiatric intervention. Identification of the various crises facing individuals, families and communities today and Biblically based strategies for addressing them. An overview of the ethical, moral and legal issues concerning sexual, physical and mental abuse and the responsibilities and limitations of the pastoral counselor.

### **PASTORAL CARE V: AS LIFE CONTINUES - AGING, CARE OF THE BEREAVED AND THE DYING**

Identification of the changing psychological, social and spiritual needs associated with aging and methods for pastoral care. An overview of the social and spiritual dynamics affecting the terminally ill with a discussion on compassionate and responsive care. Examination of the different facets of loss experienced by the survivors and how spiritual care can help ease the pain.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING**

Examination of commonly abused substances and their physical, psychological and social effects. Discussion of various treatment modalities and the necessity of developing and empowering a support framework.

### **CARING FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS**

Recognition of the physical and cultural aspects of the disease and the need for emotional and spiritual care.

### **THE TEACHING OFFICE OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTERS**

A study and practical workshop in the theory and practice of catechetics, discipleship training, and Christian education in the context of parochial ministry and evangelism.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF PARISHES AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**

Basics of building and maintaining sound organizational structures for ministry, both in the local parish, and the larger church, as well as extra-parochial organizations.

### **LEGAL & ETHICAL ISSUES IN MINISTRY**

Defines the legal responsibility of ministry within the context of local and state laws. Helps the student to develop a counseling policy as a means of prevention as well as recognition of one's own competence in specific areas. The student will learn legal obligations, boundaries in ministry, litigation prevention, client confidence, support policy and referral resources within the counseling, social work, psychiatric and clinical psychological professions.

### **Course: HOM 301 INTRODUCTION TO HOMILETICS**

One of the original duties of the Priest was to preach the Word of God. An in-depth study of the communication of God's Word through the Sermon and the types of Sermons.

#### **PREACHING I: INTRODUCTION TO HOMILETICS**

Assists the student in developing and displaying good organizational skills by orally presenting two different sermons. The student will develop an homiletical style in a non-judgmental reference to other faith traditions, develop skills of organizations, expression, eye-and-body language and illustrations, being enabled to preach in a simple style that allows for the use of a "single concept."

#### **PREACHING II: ALONG THE HOMILETICAL ROAD**

This second section of the homiletics curriculum, will assist the student in developing and delivering two homilies which will teach their congregations about a particular theological and/or social issue facing the Faith community.

### **Course: LWO300 LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

#### **INTRODUCTION TO LITURGICAL WORSHIP**

This course focuses on the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Here the student learns to see a relationship between these Sacraments. The student is introduced to the Liturgy of the early Church.

#### **LITURGICS II: THE SACRAMENTS & RITES OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNION**

This course focuses on the Eucharist, and the other Sacraments, Liturgy of the Hours, styles of worship, and the various other liturgical Rites of the Church

#### **THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SACRED LITURGY**

In this course the student studies the Sacrament of the Eucharist as presented by the Western Church. The student will learn to understand the Sacrament as taught by the Eastern Church and the Western Church.

#### **LITURGICAL PASTORALIA: HOW TO DO IT!**

This course is to teach the student how to preside and celebrate the Sacred Liturgies of the Church. The course is taught while the student is in residence at the Seminary: the classes include how to Celebrate the Mass, and Baptism, together with the Special Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter and Occasional Services.

Theological Institute of The Corpus Christi Communion

Application

NOTE: Please print this application after it is completed and mail it to:
The Corpus Christi Communion
(Attn: Holy Cross Seminary - The Ministry Training Program Theological Institute)
2125 Arlington Ave. #520 Toledo OH 43609
or email the completed application to
formation@corpuschristicommunion.org

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Birth Place: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and Street City State Zip Phone

How long have you been an active Catholic?

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Have you ever been a novice or professed member of a religious institute? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If Yes, please give its name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a seminary? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, give its name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below all current or previous occupations:

Table with 3 columns: Employer, Occupation, Dates

Please check all applicable items: Veteran \_\_\_ U.S. Citizen \_\_\_ Immigrant \_\_\_ Student Visa \_\_\_

Who is responsible for paying your Seminary expenses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all colleges you have attended regardless of length of stay (even if no work was completed):  
Name of Institution Location Dates Degree

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Does your wife, husband or domestic partner support your desire to enter the seminary of The Corpus Christi Communion?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If you indicated NO, please explain:

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