

AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC THEOLOGY, TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING

Holy Spirit College is an independent non-profit Catholic College. All professors are loyal to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and request the mandatum from the Archbishop of Atlanta



HOLY SPIRIT

COLLEGE

MASTER OF
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

MTS GRADUATE PROGRAM

The degrees offered by Holy Spirit College are authorized by the State of Georgia

BASIC COURSE OFFERINGS

All MTS students take essential courses in Catholic sacred theology, such as Scripture, Fundamental Theology, Theological Anthropology, Trinity & Christology, Liturgy & Sacraments, Moral Theology, and Ecclesiology



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The Overall Purpose of the Program

THE CONTEMPLATIVE HABIT OF "FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING"

The chief aim of the MTS program at Holy Spirit College is to impart to degree candidates a basic understanding of each area of Catholic sacred theology (for example, Scripture, creation, Christology, sacraments, ecclesiology). By working toward fulfillment of the degree requirements, students are able to cultivate a contemplative habit of prayerful study under the guidance of faculty members dedicated to transmitting the authentic Catholic intellectual

tradition. Through the practice of "faith seeking understanding," students will acquire a stable and unified foundation from which they may then proceed to conduct study in the specialized areas of theological inquiry.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

The MTS program at Holy Spirit College is an academic program rather than a professional program. In accordance with the academic nature of this degree, the College has established a number of general academic goals which it strives to help students meet.

(1) BROAD UNDERSTANDING WITH HISTORICAL DEPTH

A primary goal of the MTS program is for students to attain survey-level knowledge of the various theological disciplines comprising Catholic sacred theology. Such knowledge will include familiarity with a wide range of topics and also be historical in depth. For any theological doctrine or topic discussed in coursework, students will understand the development of that doctrine as well as how that topic interrelates with other areas of theological research. Familiarity with doctrinal interrelation contributes toward the realization of the overall purpose of the program stated above, namely, that students develop a contemplative understanding of how the various areas of theological inquiry are integrated into an organic whole.

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(2) TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY WITH COMMUNICATIVE FLEXIBILITY

A second goal is that students become familiar with the traditional vocabulary, distinctions, and technical notions employed in Catholic sacred theology, as well as with the contemporary issues and problems associated with each area of sacred theology today. Students will be able to assess the meaning of such technical formulations in their historical contexts and re-express these theological judgments in a contemporary context.

(3) SCHOLARLY SKILLS

The program maintains the goal of helping students realize the unique vocation of the academic theologian (as distinct from the catechist), particularly through the development of the scholarly skills necessary for high-level theological research.

PROGRAM CONTENT

The Holy Spirit College MTS program exposes students to diverse theological content in all the major areas of theological research. The program is primarily academic in nature rather than professional. The summative requirement which is completed at the end of student work toward the degree serves to illustrate the academic nature of the MTS degree. This requirement involves either completion of a short research project or illustrating mastery of all coursework through completion of a comprehensive exam.

Front photo: Faculty member Fr. Josh Allen meets for class with MTS students at the College.

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