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Theology of Marriage and Holy Orders

Marriage and Holy Orders are the Catholic Church's sacraments at the service of communion. After receiving the sacraments of initiation, those consecrated for ecclesial leadership and those consecrated for the duties and dignities of being a Christian spouse enter into a special relationship with the Church through the sacraments of service.

This unit studies the theology of Marriage and Holy Orders by considering their biblical and theological foundations, historical development, ritual enactment, and contemporary issues in dialogue with pertinent ecclesial documents. The Catholic sacrament of Marriage is studied as a lifelong partnership between a baptised man and woman – a contract, covenant and sacrament. The distinctive nature of sacramental marriage is addressed within our contemporary sociological context, and questions of divorce, remarriage and communion are explored. In considering Holy Orders, the unit analyses: Vatican II's teaching on the priesthood of the faithful and its relationship to the ministerial priesthood; the three degrees of Holy Orders; the restoration of the permanent diaconate; and the Church's teaching on the Catholic priesthood, celibacy and gender.

A focus on contemporary Roman Catholic rituals of Marriage and Holy Orders reveals the Church's doctrine of service embedded in the enacted theology of these sacraments.

ADVANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Teachers, clergy, seminarians, liturgists, pastoral associates, parishioners and all who have an interest in Catholic sacraments are welcome to register for this professional learning seminar (not for academic credit and with no assessments), which is also being offered as a postgraduate unit (for academic credit or audit).

This rich live-online learning opportunity will provide you with access to your choice of 12 learning hours drawn from the sessions presented by Professor Johnson and guests. You can view learning session descriptions at acu.edu.au/THCT608-Sessions

The ACU Centre for Liturgy can provide a certificate of attendance for teachers participating in this seminar as part of their ongoing professional learning requirements.

LECTURERS



Professor Clare Johnson, Professor of Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology at ACU and Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy, with special

guest lecturers **Dr Daniel McGrath** and **Very Rev Peter Williams AM**.



THCT608 Theology of Marriage and Holy Orders Professional Learning Seminar

Details:

3 and 4, 17 and 18 August 2024
9am-5pm
Live online via Zoom

Cost:

The cost of the Professional Learning Seminar is \$600 per person (for 12 contact hours over 8 sessions in total).

Registration:

Register and sign up for your choice of learning sessions by COB 26 July 2024 at acu.edu.au/PL-CFL

Contact:

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