Liturgical inculturation is the process via which the Church’s liturgy can be adapted to the needs of different peoples and cultures. This unit will investigate the process, purposes and possibilities of liturgical inculturation today, both within mission contexts and in the complex, multicultural, ethnically and linguistically diverse contexts of the developed world. It will examine underlying ecclesial and anthropological assumptions about, and definitions of ‘culture’ and it will consider the inculturated nature of all liturgies as products of multiple cultural influences over the centuries. By studying examples of inculturated liturgies, this unit will explore how the interaction between liturgy and culture elicits changes in both parties to the liturgical inculturation dialogue and how the ongoing organic development of the liturgy influences the liturgy’s continuing relevance in the world.

Fr Mark R. Francis, CSV is author of Local Worship, Global Church: Popular Religion and the Liturgy and Shape a Circle Ever Wider: Liturgical Inculturation in the United States.

Liturgists, clergy, pastoral associates, teachers and all who have an interest in the fascinating and pastorally-relevant area of Liturgical Inculturation are welcome to enrol in this post-graduate unit which is also being offered as a professional learning seminar. This one-time opportunity will provide you with full access to Professor Francis’ lectures as a not-for-credit student with no assessment requirements.

6, 7, 9 & 10 July
9am-12:30pm online mode

N.B. Due to the impact of COVID-19 Professor Francis will lecture live online from the USA.

Registrations
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