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Testimonials

My time of study at the Seminary has broadened my theological understanding, challenged my intellect and deepened my spiritual reflection. The community pursues God's truth in a spirit of joy and grace that is palpable both in and outside the classroom. I would strongly recommend SS. Cyril and Methodius to anyone interested in graduate theological study in general and in the orientale lumen in particular.

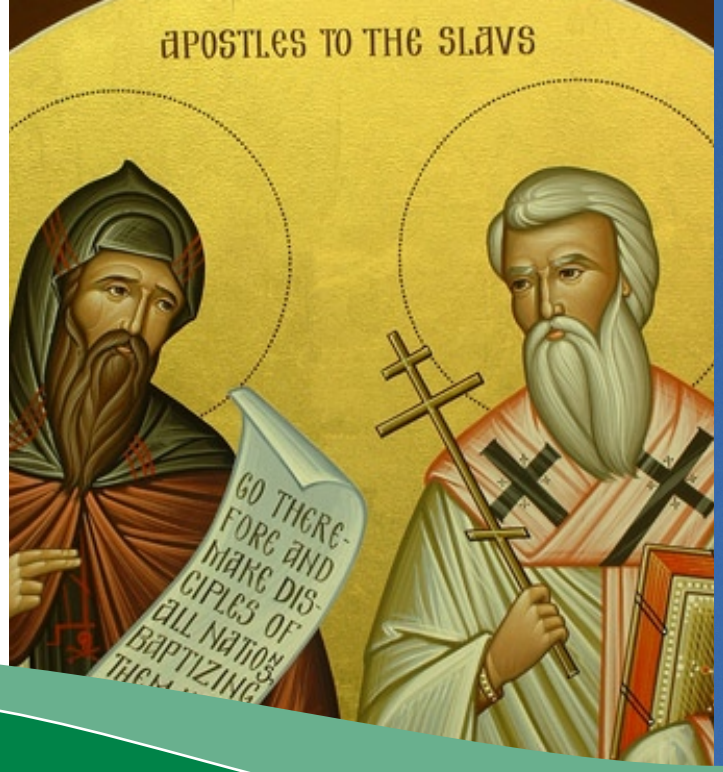
Geoffrey

The Seminary's M.A.T. program steps out of the classroom and into life! And the reason is simple: every course emphasizes the immediate presence of Christ in scripture, liturgy, the Church and our lives. I don't know of anything else that can possibly make our lives more meaningful than this reality.

Chris

As a center for Eastern Christian learning, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary offers unique educational opportunities. We offer distinctive classes and perspectives intended to equip the next generation of lay leaders and parish workers for robust and dynamic leadership. Whether it's Byzantine Catholic history and liturgy, biblical studies or Christian education, our focus is on creating a spirited learning environment that our M.A.T. graduates then communicate to their own parish and vocational work.

Dr. Sandra Collins



Byzantine Catholic Seminary

Mission Statement

As the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, we continue the mission mandate of our Lord, Jesus Christ, "…teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."(Mt. 28:20)

Vision Statement

As Catholics, to form priests and dedicated lay men and women for ministry;

As Eastern Christians, to affirm and carry on the Treasury of Faith;

As Educators and a Center of Learning, to nurture leaders for work in the vineyard according to proven standards of excellence;

As Witnesses, to serve the faithful and the Lord's mission in humility, in grace and in love.

Master of Arts in Theology

The Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.T.) is a two-year theological program of Eastern Christian Studies at the graduate level. The M.A.T. degree prepares students for lay leadership by providing a systematic theological framework and is seen as a necessary prerequisite for future doctoral-level studies.

This degree offers students the opportunity to grow, as members of a unique, committed learning community, in the rich tradition of the Byzantine Catholic Church for the benefit of the Church, their parishes and their own spiritual lives.

Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.T.)

This program is authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and accredited by The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the US and Canada.

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary offers a course of studies leading to the Master of Arts in Theology Degree (M.A.T.) in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. Candidates choose to specialize in dogmatics, liturgy, Bible or pastoral theology.

The M.A.T. degree comprises 60 credits and takes two years full time study. Part-time students have a six year limit to complete the program.

For more than 60 years, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary's program of spiritual, academic, pastoral and personal formation has constituted the pillars of daily life here. Our doors are open to all qualified students interested in furthering their education or in developing themselves according to the spiritual and theological vision of the Byzantine Catholic tradition.

The rich theological and spiritual tradition of the Byzantine Catholic Church is an ever-flowing fountain from which all may drink and be nourished, enriched and challenged by what is learned.

Concentration

• Each student will be required to take the basic cycle of Introductory Courses (30 credits).

• The remaining 30 credits of study will be based on student interest in consultation with an M.A.T. Advisor and Academic Dean. These credits can come primarily from a single area of study or can combine two or more areas of focus.

• Those interested in pursuing an M.A.T. with a concentration on chaplaincy/pastoral care have the option of participating in summer Clinical Pastoral Education (6 credits).

• Students have a choice of taking comprehensive exams or submitting a thesis in fulfillment of the M.A.T. degree.

• During their final semester, M.A.T. students also have the option of registering for up to 6 "special topics" credits in order to complete their thesis or comprehensive exam preparations.

Objectives

The Master of Arts in Theology degree program prepares candidates for further study, research and teaching who will be able to:

Read the primary sources of Byzantine Catholic Tradition contextually and critically;

Employ appropriate methodologies in the study of Sacred Scripture, Dogmatic Theology, Liturgical Theology and Pastoral Theology;

Undertake independent theological research;

Engage in clear theological discourse both in writing and in speech;

Integrate various theological disciplines and methods into a coherent and relevant vision of Byzantine Catholic faith.