# Academic Programme for 2004 - 2005

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**Synopses of Courses**

**1. SACRED SCIENTIFIC**

**1. 1. INTRODUCTION TO SACRED SCIENTIFIC** (Fr. Christudhas M.)

The place of the Bible in Christian life and theological formation - The book of the Bible - Canonicity - Inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible - Literary genres in the Bible - Texts and Versions

Bibliography


1. 2. THE PENTATEUCH (Fr. Thomas Aerathedathu)

The purpose of the course is to familiarise the student with the history and kerygma of Pentateuchal traditions. The student will approach the traditions using historico-critical method. After a brief history of Pentateuch criticism, the criteria for identifying the traditions and dating them will be considered. Besides a general introduction to each book of the Pentateuch, the following larger literary units will be given special attention. a) Primeval History: a detailed exegesis of Gen 1 - 11, with a special reference to the use of myths and genealogies as medium of kerygma. b) Patriarchal History: Problems of historicity, archaeological and documentary evidence, selected passages on Abraham, Isaac and Joseph story. c) Legends around Moses, the plagues, the exodus, the covenant of Sinai and the decalogue. d) The holiness code. e) The institutions that characterise the cultic and social organisation of Israel. f) The deuteronomical code: Its characteristics and literary history. Its relation to the Code of the Covenant. The spirit of Deuteronomy and its influence on the other books of the Bible.

Bibliography


1. 3. WISDOM LITERATURE (Fr. Thomas Manjaly)


Bibliography


1. 4. PSALMS (Fr. Peter Haokip)

The religious experiences of Israel in the various vicissitudes of life find their best expression in the Psalms. They are the mirrors in which every human being can see oneself. The course intends to study some of the types of Psalms, to understand their literary form, use in Israel’s worship and especially their use in Christian worship and theology.

**Bibliography**


1. 5. PROPHETIC LITERATURE (Fr. Peter Haokip)

The course begins with a brief cross-cultural presentation of prophetic phenomenon (prophetic types of men and women) in the ancient as well as modern cultures. The Hebrew classical prophets (four major prophets, including Daniel and the twelve minor prophets) are studied in the light of their historical contexts (prophets of Assyrian, Babylonian and Persian periods) with a view to a better understanding and appropriation of their message in the present day context. Finally, after discussing the background, person and theology of each prophet, a more detailed study is done of some selected texts considered to be keys to a better understanding the message of each prophet.

**Bibliography**


1. 6. THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: Mathew & Mark  (Fr. Christudhas, Fr. T. Aerathedathu)

   The course, as a background study, deals with the meaning of the Gospel - The synoptic problem and the problem of historical Jesus – Literary form and redaction criticism - Introduction to the gospels of Matthew and Mark - Exegetical study of some sections - Infancy narratives - Baptism of Jesus – Public Ministry - Sermon Narratives - A parable – A miracle - discipleship - Passion and resurrection narratives in order to highlight the special Matthean and Marcan theological perspectives.

Bibliography


1. 7. LUKE – ACTS  (Fr. Thomas Manjaly)


Bibliography


1. 8. JOHNNINE LITERATURE  (Fr. Thomas Manjaly)

   A. THE GOSPEL: After a brief discussion of preliminaries such as the influences and stages of formation of the fourth Gospel, its literary forms, style and dominant themes, the course will attempt an exegetical analysis and theological study of selected texts from (a) the Prologue, (b) the book of signs as the revelation of Jesus, and (c) Jesus’ return to the Father. Some of the themes which will be dealt with greater emphasis are, Jesus as God’ revelation, Christian discipleship, life in Christ and in the Spirit and Johannine model of Christian mission.

   B. 1 - 3 JOHN: An exegetical reading of the letters, especially the first letter in relation to the fourth Gospel.

Bibliography


1. 8. C. THE BOOK OF REVELATION (Fr. Thomas Manjaly)

The course will attempt to read the Book of Revelation in the light of the Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature. Selected texts will be taken up for detailed exegesis to unfold salvation history as a dynamic movement, as the Church looks back to its origins, faces the present, emerges out of crisis situations and looks forward to its meeting with Christ, its bridegroom.

**Bibliography**

BFALE, G. K., *The Book of Revelation* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans/Paternoster, 1999)


1. 9. HEBREWS AND CATHOLIC EPISTLES (Fr. Christudhas M.)

Introduction to Hebrews – Exegetical analysis of the book with special emphasis on the sections dealing with the High Priesthood of Christ – General introduction to the Catholic Epistles – Introduction to the letter of James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter and Jude and detailed treatment of each of these letters to highlight their theological contents.

**Bibliography**


2. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY
2. 1. INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY (Fr. James Thoppil)


Bibliography


2. 2. THEOLOGY OF VATICAN II (Fr. James Thoppil)


Bibliography


2. 3. REVELATION (Fr. Sebastian Karotemprel)

Revelation as an aspect of integral human experience - Difficulties against revelation - Revelation in Scripture and Tradition - Revelation according to Vatican II - Different trends in the theology of revelation in the twentieth century - Revelation and development of Dogma - Revelation and history - Possibility of revelation in other religions.
2. 4. FAITH (Fr. James Thoppil)


Bibliography


2. 5. CONCEPT OF GOD AND TRINITY (Fr. Jose Anchupankil)

The Mystery of God in the Scriptures - God’s self-revelation in historical deeds and words: Biblical monotheism-Attributes of God - God, the creator and provider - God’s universal salvific will, and God, the redeemer - Atheism and death of God theology.

The Transcendent mystery is revealed as a Trinity of divine persons - the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in the Christ-event - Trinity in the Scripture - Distinction of the three persons - oneness of being - Origin of the divine persons and the divine processions - Trinitarian heresies and development of conciliar doctrine of the Bl. Trinity - Contemporary Understanding of the Trinity - The Blessed Trinity as the source and summit of the Christian life - Relevance of Trinity to one’s spiritual life and apostolate

Bibliography


2. 6. GENERAL SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY (Fr. Sebastian Karotemprel)


Bibliography


2. 7. RECONCILIATION AND ANOINTING (Fr. Sebastian Karotemprel)

Conversion and reconciliation in the Scriptures - Development of the theology of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation - Penance and reconciliation in the teaching of Vatican 11 - 1983 Synod of Bishops on Penance and Reconciliation - Indulgence.

Bibliography


EMPEREUR, J. L., *Prophetic Anointing: God's Call to the Sick, the Elderly and Dying* (Wilmington: Michael Glazier Inc., 1982).


2. 8. EUCHARIST (Fr. Edmund Gomes)

The concept of the Eucharist - The central place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church - The Eucharist in the history of doctrine and theology - The scriptural data - Theology of the Fathers - Medieval period - Reformation era - Eucharistic theology today - The sacramental nature of the Eucharist - The recipient of the Eucharist - Eucharist as sacrament of unity - The mystery of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist - The fact, nature and manner of the real presence - Transubstantiation - The Eucharist as a sacrifice - Christian meaning of sacrifice - OT foreshadowing the reality of the sacrifice of the Mass - The Eucharist as paschal meal - The Eucharist and the priest.

Bibliography
BERNIER, P. J., Bread Broken and Shared (Indiana: Ave Maria, 1981).

2. 9. THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN PRIESTHOOD (Fr. Thomas Manjaly)

The course is meant (as it is given to students who prepare themselves for priestly ministry in North East India) to help the students to understand the meaning and significance of Christian ministry and to deepen the concept of priestly ministry and life in the light of the teaching of the Bible, tradition, teaching of the Church, contemporary theological thought and pastoral requirements - basically to answer the question: What is priestly ministry in India (North East India) today?

Sources
VATICAN 11 Decrees on: The Ministry and Life of Priests (Presbyterorum Ordinis), Priestly Formation (Optatam Totius), and relevant section from the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium).
POPE PAUL VI, The Ministerial Priesthood.
CBCI. Looking forward to the Third Millennium: Life and Ministry of Priests (1997).

Bibliography
2.10. ESCHATOLOGY (Fr. James Thoppil)


Bibliography

2.11. CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY (Fr. Dominic T. S.)


Bibliography
THUMMA, A., Dalit Liberation Theology (New Delhi: ISPCK, 2000).

2.12. ORIENTAL THEOLOGY (Fr. James Thoppil)
Characteristics of a rite or individual Church - Origin and development of liturgical families - Important theological themes of Oriental Tradition - Spiritual heritage of the Oriental Churches - Different oriental Churches of India - Vatican II document Orientalium Ecclesiarum - Oriental Patriarchates - Relation with the separated brethren - The new oriental code of canon law.

Bibliography

2. 13. ECUMENISM (Fr. Sebastian Karotemprevral)


Bibliography
RUSCH, W., Ecumenism: a movement to Church Unity (Philadephia: Fortress, 1985).

2. 14. SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY (Fr. Alphonse Wahlang)


Bibliography
BOROS, L., God is with Us (London: Burns and Oates, 1970).

3. MORAL THEOLOGY

3.1. FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY (Fr. Dominic T. S.)


Bibliography


3.2. JUSTICE AND RIGHTS (Fr. Dominic T. S.)

Social justice according to papal encyclicals and *Gaudium et Spes* - Human rights and fundamental rights in the Indian Constitution - Christian doctrine of property - Religious freedom - Violation of commutative justice - Restitution - Contracts, rights and obligations of labourers and employers.

Bibliography


3.3. MARRIAGE – (Theological, Moral & Canonical Aspects) (Fr. Thomas Macheril)

3. 4. SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH (Fr. Solomon Vizo)

The course deals with the historical development and foundation of the Catholic Social Teachings, based on natural and revealed laws. The course also gives an overview of the important social documents of the Church and some of the Episcopal Pastoral letters that deal with the social concerns of the Church.

Bibliography


3. 5. SACRAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY - 1

The moral and canonical aspects of the Sacraments - Baptism - Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist

Bibliography


4. CANON LAW

4. 1. CANON LAW – I – A – B (Fr. Thomas Macheril)

Introduction to the study of Canon Law - Law and society - Theology and Law - History of Canon Law - General Norms, Christ’s Faithful (1-329).

4. 2. CANON LAW - III – B (Fr. Thomas Macheril)

Sanctifying Office of the Church - The temporal goods of the Church - Sanctions in the Church - Procedural Laws - Annulment and dissolution of marriage (834-1165; 1254-1752).

Bibliography


5. CHURCH HISTORY

5. 1. CHURCH HISTORY - I – Ancient, Medieval and Modern Periods (Fr. Joe Francis)


5. 2. CHURCH HISTORY – II - History of Christianity in India (Fr. Isaac P. J.)

The apostolate of St. Thomas in India - The Syrian Christians - Portuguese missionaries and their conflict with the Thomas Christians - History of Christianity in India from 17th to 20th century - Catholic and Protestant missionary work in Bengal and the North East.

Bibliography


5. 3. FATHERS OF THE CHURCH (Fr. Sebastian Karotemprel)

Bibliography


6. MISSIOLOGY

6.1. INTRODUCTION TO MISSIOLOGY (Fr. Joseph Mappilaparambil)


Bibliography


6.2. THEOLOGY OF MISSION (Fr. Kuriakose Poovathumkudy)


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6.3. WORLD RELIGIONS (Fr. Kuriakose Poovathumkudy)


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**7. LITURGY**

**7.1. LITURGY - 1 - INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY** (Fr. Edmund Gomes)

This course is intended to introduce the students to the study of sacred Liturgy. It is divided into three parts. The first part gives a general introduction where the fundamental concepts, liturgical families, a brief history of western liturgy and liturgical books are discussed. The second part deals with the theology of liturgical celebrations, the liturgy and the mystery of salvation and cultural adaptation of the liturgy. The third part deals with the Liturgy of Hours, the history and theology of the liturgy of hours, liturgy of hours after Vatican II.

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**7.2. COMMUNICATION**

This course will deal with the following topics: Introduction to Communication, Effects of Communication, Effective Skills and Methods of Communication, History of Communication, Mass Media, Christian values and Media values, Ultra modern means of communication, Alternative media of communication for ministry, Christianity as a religion of communication, Communication and human dignity, Communication and self-management, Advertisement and its dynamism of working.

**7.3. CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

The course is pastorally oriented in order to help the students to understand and appreciate the cultures of the people with whom they will work, with special reference to Northeast context of diversity of cultures and tribes. The course will deal with the fundamental concepts, culture, society, ethnicity, cultural relativism, ethnography and various theoretical orientations and schools of thought.
Bibliography

8. VARIA

8. 1. Languages
8. 2. Seminar
8. 3. Methodology
8. 4. Pastoral Courses