

MASTER'S DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE

# PASTORAL MINISTRY

Intellectual Formation@John Carroll University



## UPCOMING COURSES

### Complete your areas of study **IN PERSON or ONLINE**

John Carroll's Pastoral Ministry Program is designed to fulfill the intellectual formation requirements to become a **Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister** in the Diocese of Cleveland.

- Classes meet **one evening per week**.
- **HyFlex model** allows students to participate in person, via Zoom, or a mix of both.
- 6 courses (18 credits) required for **Certificate**.
- 4 additional courses (30 credits total) earns the **M.A. Degree**.
- **Reduced tuition** of \$1830 per 3-credit course.



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- Teaching Theology (Summer 2023)
- Scripture & Revelation (Fall 2023)
- Christ & Paschal Mystery (Spring 2024)
- New Testament (Summer 2024)
- Catholic Moral Theology (Fall 2024)
- Church & Sacraments (Spring 2025)
- *Canon Law for Ministry* (Offered Summers at St. Mary's Seminary)

# Pastoral Ministry Courses at John Carroll University

## Core Courses

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### **SCRIPTURE AND REVELATION**

Approaching the Bible as “revelatory text,” students are introduced to different scholarly approaches to biblical interpretation—including historical, form, source, and redaction criticism, literary, rhetorical, and contemporary, contextual approaches. Students explore the ways in which these critical methods can, in various ways, confront, challenge, enhance, and/or expand canonical/confessional readings of the Bible from the perspective of Christian faith.

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

Development and composition of the New Testament; the historical, cultural, and religious environments out of which it arose; and the various theological perspectives found within it.

### **CHRIST AND THE PASCAL MYSTERY**

Studies the principal developments in theological reflection on the meaning and significance of Jesus Christ in the New Testament and in later church tradition; consideration of how contemporary Christology is both affected by and responds to crucial concerns of today’s culture.

### **CHURCH AND SACRAMENT**

Explores the church as “sacrament of salvation” through an examination of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), the sacraments of healing (Penance, Anointing of the Sick), and sacraments at the service of communion (Matrimony, Holy Orders). Topics include images, models, and marks of the church, as well as the historical, liturgical, and theological development of the seven sacraments.

### **CATHOLIC MORAL THEOLOGY**

Study of Roman Catholic fundamental moral theology, focusing on both traditional and contemporary understandings of principal themes such as: the nature, history, and methods of fundamental moral theology; the moral person and moral community; conscience, moral norms and the Natural Law; evaluating moral acts; sin (personal and social); conversion and reconciliation; role of church teaching (magisterium) and tradition in select contemporary issues in the areas of sexual ethics, health care and bioethics, and social ethics, including Faithful Citizenship in the political arena.

## Sample Electives

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**ABRAHAM: FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**  
**ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY**  
**CATHOLICISM IN A DIGITAL AGE**  
**THE FAITHFUL: BEING CATHOLIC IN AMERICA**

**TEACHING THEOLOGY**  
**THEOLOGICAL METHODS**  
**CROSS-CULTURAL ETHICS**  
**THEOLOGY OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES**