

St. Joseph's Seminary Announces New Online Degree and Certificate Programs

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Yonkers, NY (June 7, 2021): St. Joseph's Seminary and College, the center of formation for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, today announced two new online degree and certificate programs. Starting this fall, St. Joseph's will offer an online Master of Arts in Theology degree and an online Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Theology to qualified laity, religious, and clergy.

"These new fully online offerings fulfill the need for convenient access to our celebrated programs of study," said Bishop James Massa, rector of St. Joseph's Seminary. "We are delighted to offer students, both local and now nationally, the opportunity to study Catholic theology with our renowned faculty."

Students enrolled in the Seminary's online programs will receive instruction that is:

- Faithful to the Church's Magisterium
- Rooted in Tradition
- Conveniently scheduled for working students
- Offered at affordable tuition rates

First-time students will receive a 50 percent tuition discount on their first class upon enrollment.

"We've learned over the past year that remote students can attend real-time classes with their on-site peers and learn effectively in that setting," said Fr. Matthew Ernest, the Seminary's Academic Dean. "Some of our students are preparing for future academic or ministerial careers, while others wish to grow intellectually and spiritually in their Catholic faith as a means of personal enrichment. Our new online degree and certificate programs aim to satisfy both pursuits." Fr. Ernest indicated that the Seminary's online and in-person degree and certificate programs are fully accredited by state, regional, and national agencies.

"I invite anyone who is interested in exploring the riches of the Catholic Faith in a welcoming and collegial atmosphere to consider joining us for these exciting new programs," stated Bishop Massa.

For more information, please contact Saint Joseph's Seminary at sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu or visit dunwoodie.edu.

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About St. Joseph's Seminary

Celebrating its 125th year, St. Joseph's Seminary and College, founded in 1896, is the major seminary of the Archdiocese of New York. Its primary mission is to serve the Church by forming men for the Catholic priesthood. Beginning in 2012, St. Joseph's functions as the principal institution of priestly formation for the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre. St. Joseph's also welcomes seminarians from other archdioceses, dioceses, eparchies, and other religious congregations.

Rooted in the apostolic community gathered around Jesus Christ, St. Joseph's Seminary seeks to form future priests who will hand on the life and tradition of the Church's faith in the context of the new evangelization of the twenty-first century.

As a complement to its primary mission, St. Joseph's Seminary also serves the Church by offering graduate theological and philosophical degree and certificate programs to qualified students at multiple locations, including fully synchronous online learning options.

A spirit of service to the Church guides all of the programs which St. Joseph's Seminary and College provides to seminarians, lay, religious, and clergy. This spirit is strengthened by a profound sense of ecclesial communion that is fostered and expressed through fidelity to Church teaching, a daily life of prayer, the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the ceaseless invocation of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints.