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He holds a Masters Honours degree in Theology from the Melbourne College of Divinity (researching Chicago-based David Tracy’s theological response to postmodernity) and completed doctoral studies at Australian Catholic University on the integration of the mystical and political in 20th Century spirituality.

He is a member of the International Promotions Committee for the Society of the Study of Christian Spirituality. He has written numerous articles on spirituality and pastoral formation in both Australia and Ireland and is regularly invited to speak on issues of spirituality and pastoral formation throughout Australia and New Zealand. He is the author of Across the Great Divide – Bridging Spirituality and Religion Today (St. Pauls Publications 2002), Living in the Holy Spirit: Elements of Catholic Spirituality (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, 2008) and The Paschal Paradox: A meditation on the contemporary challenge of priestly life (St. Pauls Publications, 2009).

HOW WILL I PREPARE?
Participants are required to read a series of historical spiritual writings, antecedent to the 20th century, in preparation for tutorial sessions through the first days of the extensive. These will be posted to each participant.

Fees
$1310.00
Audit
$500.00
Cissa
$10

Daily Programme
9.30am - 10.30am
11.00am - 12.30pm
1.30pm - 2.15pm
2.30pm - 3.30pm
WHY DO THIS COURSE?
Christian Spirituality throughout the twentieth century has undergone a significant change from the paradigms in spirituality of the centuries previously. This course will enable the participants to appreciate the paradigm shift in Christian spirituality occurring in the 20th Century. Emphasis will be given to understanding the philosophical, theological and historical influences on such change. Opportunity will be given to engage in research on the spiritual doctrine of eminent spiritual writers of the century.

The program is run according to an extensive mode. The initial two days of the program will explore the background to 20th century spirituality, precursors and major influences on the spirituality of the century and introduce students to the major spiritual writers of the period. Students, undertaking the course unit for credit, will be invited to select writers for research, and provide seminar reports at subsequent weekends throughout the semester. These presentations will progress into a major research paper by the conclusion of the semester.

WHAT WILL BE STUDIED?

10-11 March 2012
- The Precursor to 20th Century Spirituality: The French School of Spirituality
- Rise of ‘Social Catholicism’: 19th and 20th century considerations
- Vatican II’s Universal Call to Holiness: Meaning and origins
- The new ‘schools of spirituality’
- The rise of the new ecclesial movements
- Introduction to research methods in the study of Spirituality

Sunday, 13 May 2012
- Spiritual Writers
  - Theological Spirituality: Karl Rahner
  - Existential Spirituality Thomas Merton
  - Political Spirituality Dorothy Day
- Seminar Presentations

2-3 June 2012
- Spiritual Writers
  - Ecological Spirituality Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
  - Inter-religious writers William Johnston & Bede Griffiths
  - Psychological Spirituality Henri Nouwen
- Seminar Presentations

WHAT IS REQUIRED?
Award and audit students are expected to do the preparatory reading and attend all sessions on all five days throughout the semester.

HOW TO REGISTER
New students at CIS will need to complete an Enrolment Application Form from the CIS website, and send to the Academic Registrar with a covering letter requesting registration in the course unit. Should new students wish to enrol in a full degree program at CIS, an enrolment interview with the Academic Registrar is also required.

Continuing students at CIS will need to register for the course unit in the normal manner of course unit registrations.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
Course participants can be
- Students studying for a graduate degree or, on certain conditions, an undergraduate award;
- Individuals, with a background of theological formation, wishing to deepen their understanding of contemporary Christian spirituality (audit students). Such participants will be invited to participate in reading, research and presentation even without assessment.

Further Information
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Registration closes on 27 January 2012