

# Theology Department

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*The Academy of the*  
**HOLY CROSS**

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# Our Priorities in Theology

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## Intellectual Theological Education

Christian life involves the whole person. We want our students to be able to engage their faith with all of their intellectual power, and with all of the Church's wisdom working beside them.

## Develop Your Identity

We provide a distinctively Catholic intellectual formation in the Holy Cross tradition that is open and hospitable to other religious identities and experiences as well as to questioning.

## Dialogue with Difference

Deeper understanding of faith, and encounter with other religions, will lead our students to more profound virtues of self-understanding and healthy citizenship.

“Hurry then; take up this work of resurrection, never forgetting that the special end of your institute is, before all, to sanctify youth. It is by this that you will contribute to preparing the world for better times than ours.”

BLESSED BASIL MOREAU,  
Christian Education (1856)

# Regular Course Offerings - Theology

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*All of these courses are one-semester and have honors-level options.*

## **Knowing God**

Christian Foundations: personal identity, natural revelation, the Bible, the Mass.

## **Following Jesus**

Fundamental Christology: the person and work of Jesus Christ, the plan of redemption.

## **Living in Christ**

Moral Theology: the nature and structure of moral acts, sin, and the commandments.

## **Loving God**

Foundational Doctrines: the Trinity, the Incarnation, creation, redemption, the theology of the body.

## **Being the Church**

Fundamental Ecclesiology: the nature of the Church, the sacraments.

## **Serving God's Kingdom**

Catholic Social Teaching: principles of justice and virtue in building a just social order.

# Senior Year — Dual Credit Option!

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## Encountering World Religions

Students study five major international world religions—Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism—from the perspective of Catholic inter-religious dialogue in this year-long course.

## Marymount Dual Enrollment

Thanks to our special relationship with Marymount, our doctoral faculty can also offer our seniors a college-level world religions course, paced over an entire year rather than the usual college single-semester.

## Earn college credit in high school!

If students are interested, this is a great opportunity to experience college-level work in a more relaxed pace, without leaving the building.







# Trips and Culture

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## Interesting Field Trips!

Including the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, the John Paul II National Shrine, Diyanet Center of America and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. World Religion classes visit and engage in conversation with leaders of other faiths.

## Representation in Catholic Culture

Our students are regular winners of the John Carroll Society annual essay competition, and are given the option of participating in the yearly March for Life in January.



# Flex Your Faith

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## Campus Ministry

We offer recurring weekly opportunities for spiritual formation: Mass, Confession, Adoration, Rosary, prayer, *lectio divina*, praise and worship. We celebrate Mass as a gathered school at least monthly.

## Social Justice

All students are required to complete service hours each grade level to serve the young, the old, and the disadvantaged.