

GOOD NEWS



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Two Summer Programs at Catholic Theological Union

This year's Summer Institute at CTU offers two courses that focus on our Franciscan Tradition. The

course entitled "The Birth of a Charism" sets the pattern of Franciscan life against the backdrop of developments in religious life of the medieval period. It will help us understand and appreciate the Franciscan way of living the consecrated life. Here is the course description:

The Birth of a Charism: Medieval Case Studies (1-3 credits) June 6-10

The religious charisms which undergird the creation of new religious orders in the history

of the Church are the result of the confluence of two critical elements: the earnest seeking of men and women for God, and the socio-economic and political conditions of life.

This course will trace both of these elements in a series of four medieval case studies of: Romuald at Camaldoli (eremitism), the Cistercian movement at Cîteaux and Clairvaux (reformed monasticism), Robert of Arbrissel at Fontevraud (canons regular), and Francis of Assisi and his followers (the mendicant orders). Michael Cusato, OFM

Participants can take the course on a credit or audit basis. It consists of five three-hour class sessions that will run from June 6 to 10. Michael is a brother of the Sacred Heart Province and is a fine church historian who studied at the Institute Catholique in Paris. He teaches at St. Bonaventure University and was the Director of its Franciscan Institute.

The second course deals with a very significant component of the Franciscan theological tradition:

The primacy of Christ and the meaning of the Incarnation. The course description follows: God Became Human, Not Because of Sin (1-3 credits)

This course surveys the historical development of the theology which holds that sin is not the primary reason for the incarnation. Key figures will be studied, with particular attention given to Franciscan contributions to and the pastoral implications of this doctrine. Daniel Horan, OFM, PhD Candidate

Participants can take the course on a credit or audit basis. It consists of five three-hour class sessions that will run from June 13 to 17. Dan is a brother of the Holy Name Province and is completing his doctoral work at Boston College.

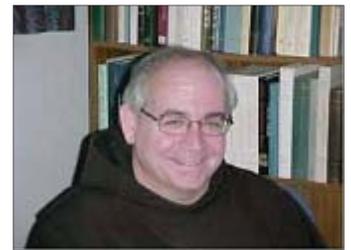


Catholic Theological Union (CTU), Chicago, Illinois



Leslie Hoppe, OFM

Within the broad range of Old Testament studies, Leslie has focused on Deuteronomy and Deuteronomistic Literature and on the social and economic conflict between rich and poor in ancient Israelite society. One result of his work in the latter area is *There Shall Be No Poor Among You: Poverty in the Bible*. He has participated in several archaeological projects in Upper Galilee and is the author of *The Churches and Synagogues of Ancient Palestine*. He has served



Michael Cusato, OFM

as the Director of CTU's Biblical Study and Travel Programs and has been the academic director of the Fall Program whose residence while in Israel is in Azariah, a village near Jerusalem. This experience has led him to write *The Holy City: Jerusalem in the Theology of the Old Testament*. He has written several other books and many articles in the area of Old Testament interpretation and biblical archaeology. His latest book is *Isaiah* in the New Collegeville Bible Commentary series.

He is the general editor of *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and has served on the editorial boards of *Old Testament Abstracts* and *The Bible Today* and as general editor of the latter. He is the associate editor of the *Anselm Press Study Bible*.

He has been a member of the faculty since 1981 except from 2005 to 2011 when he served as the Provincial Minister of the Assumption Province.

In addition to his service at CTU, he has been visiting professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum.

CTU's Summer Institute offers several other one-week courses in Scripture, theology, spirituality, moral theology, canon law, and liturgy during the month of June. You can get more information about the Summer Institute from the CTU website: <http://www.ctu.edu/summer-institute>.

CTU is located two blocks from Chicago's beautiful lakefront in Hyde Park, which is also home to the University of Chicago. I know you will enjoy the courses and the many cultural, entertainment, and sports activities that Chicago has to offer. We'd love to have you with us this June.

Your brother,
Leslie Hoppe, OFM



Daniel Horan, OFM

Friars interested in participating in the above programs should first consult with the Director for On Going Formation, Anthony Janik, OFM. Lourdes Friary, Cedar Lake, Indiana 219.743.5552. Email afjanik@yahoo.com. He will help you abide with the Continuing Education policy of the Assumption Province.

New Wave of Immigrants at Sacred Heart, McAllen TX



To view the 1:29 video, use this internet address. <http://valleycentral.com/news/local/more-than-200-people-arrive-at-respite-center-in-mcallen>.

More than 200 people, mostly mothers and children from different parts of Central America, arrived at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

This is the largest group the church has seen since last summer, according to Sister Norma Pimentel of Sacred Heart's Respite Center. She said that although it is unknown why there has been a sudden increase at this time, U.S. Border Patrol tends to see an influx in apprehensions during the warmer months.

"It is happening just like in 2014 when we had that high surge. Although today, two years later, I would say we are more prepared for handling and

knowing what to do and how to help," Sister Norma said.

The immigrants have already been processed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Most of them are now traveling to other parts of the United States while they wait for an immigration hearing.

The Assumption Province has had a presence in the Brownsville diocese for many years. Below are the friars currently serving the people of McAllen.



Sacred Heart Parish, McAllen, TX.



Thomas Luczak, OFM, Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish.



Terrence Gorski, OFM, Pastor, Holy Family Parish



Mario Nagy, OFM, Guardian



André LeMay, OFM