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Dear Friends of the UD Religious Studies Summer Program,

We continue our recent tradition of offering intensive three-credit courses for two weeks, twice in the summer here on campus. This schedule is intended to serve our students who find their ability to be away from their ministry work and their families to be limited. Each class offered this summer are courses that assist those completing the master's programs in pastoral ministry and theological studies. Those interested in continuing education in theology and pastoral ministry are also welcome to register for any of the summer courses.

Of special interest this summer is the three credit course on interreligious dialogue taught by one of our regular visiting professors, Father Dermot Lane, President of Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University and Pastor of Balally Parish in south Dublin. Fr. Lane's course is offered in the first two week period of the on-campus summer session, i.e., June 23 to July 4. Two other courses offered during that same period are U.S. Catholicism (3 crs), taught by Dr. Joseph Jacobs, and Introduction to Spiritual Direction & Pastoral Care (3 crs), taught by Dr. James Schimelpfening, SM, DMin. During the second two-week period, July 14 to July 25, three additional courses are offered. They are New Testament Theology (3 crs), taught by Dr. Silviu Bunta, Liturgy (3 crs), taught by Dr. William Johnston, and Contemporary Moral Problems (3 crs), taught by Nikki Tousley, MA. For more information on the summer program, please review the course descriptions and faculty biographies on the Religious Studies website.

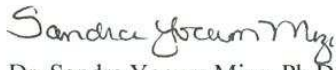
Another exciting feature of this summer's offerings is a two-credit course entitled Kingdom, Church and World (2 crs), taught by Dr. Isabel Fernandez. It will be offered from July 7-July 11 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. This course examines how one can implement Catholic social teaching through the development of congregation-based community organizing. Dr. Fernandez has had extensive experience with congregation-based community organizing in Orlando, Florida.

If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail or by calling 937-229-4321. I would be happy to discuss with you how the courses offered this summer might help you to complete your master's program. If you are interested in beginning a masters program in theology or pastoral ministry here at the University of Dayton, I would be happy to help you begin that process.

Finally I would ask you to please help us to spread the word about our exciting summer course offerings.

Be sure to stop by Religious Studies and say hello when you are on campus.

Sincerely,


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