



INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Introduction to Theology (Aspirants)

For many aspirants entering the INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES (IDS) the study of theology is a new and exciting adventure. For a few aspirants, the study of theology is not a new subject since some possess graduate degrees in theology. For others, theology and philosophy were studied to a small degree in college. For many, it has been several years since the elementary theological training they received in either elementary or high school.

It is imperative that aspirants have a fundamental grasp of contemporary Catholicism and are prepared to engage theological study (at the undergraduate level) if they enter candidacy in the program.

IDS affords aspirants opportunities to review the foundations of Catholicism throughout the Aspirancy Path (one year).

In two further all-day Saturday sessions an overall survey of theological study is presented. The goal is to encourage a desire to learn more about our Catholic Christian faith and its relevance and importance in diaconal ministry.

Session One (six hours introductory survey)

- Church History
- Christology
- Scripture

Session Two (six hours introductory survey)

- Ecclesiology
- Liturgy
- Moral Theology

