

SATS CERTIFICATE OF MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Background of the Course:

Face-to-face meetings are no longer practical since the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic. This course is designed as an online course to reach out to both lay and clergy participants in the local churches all over the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. As we get brace ourselves to the so-called “new normal”, we hope to respond to the needs of the times, by strengthening the leadership capacities of the Lay by offering a combination of both academic and practical exercises. This will provide an opportunity for the local church leaders to complete their training at their own time and pace and at the comfort of their homes and offices, without necessarily coming to SATS for the lectures. Travel time and travel costs will no longer be the main obstacles for the training.

Objectives: The course aims to:

- equip lay people theologically and practically to assist in local church ministry and other ministries.
- provide opportunity for the lay to deepen their knowledge of the Christian faith and practice.
- develop and strengthen leadership capacities among lay and clergy in the local church.
- strengthen the link between SATS and the dioceses as well as other communities.

Courses:

1. Old Testament Studies with Biblical Interpretation
2. New Testament Studies with Biblical Interpretation
3. ECP History
4. Liturgical Theology and Practice
5. Leadership Development
6. Pastoral Care and Counseling
7. Mission Strategies and Church Management
8. Effective Preaching
9. Engaging the Church in the Public Square

Requirements:

- Each course will offer 10 lectures (via zoom) to be conducted once a week. Lectures will also be recorded for participants who do not have good internet connections in their areas of assignment/residence. SATS may offer three to four courses per week, depending on the number of participants.
- All participants must pass all reflection papers/assignments required in the course.
- Participants who complete all required courses (10) will be given a Diploma by SATS.
- A certificate will be given in each course to participants who completed all requirements.
- A course may be opened with a minimum of 10 participants.

A. Curriculum: SATS Diploma in Ministerial Leadership (virtual/online)

1. Old Testament Studies with Biblical Interpretation

Course Description:

This course explores the physical, cultural, and historical world of the Old Testament (e.g. Bible geography, OT canon). It looks at a brief history of the development of Israel's religion and the theology and content of the Old Testament. This also includes an overview and synopsis of the Old Testament books and a study of the interpretation of some significant texts.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) acquaint themselves with the geography and culture of the Ancient Near East.
- b) know the history of Israel as a people and how God sustained them in history.
- c) appreciate the themes of each of the books and be able to see their relevance in today's world.
- d) interpret some important texts for Bible studies and preaching.

2. New Testament Studies with Biblical Interpretation

Course Description:

This course explores the multi-faceted background of the New Testament, introducing the literature (and theology) of the gospels, the Pauline corpus, the General letters, and the Johannine writings. The course will focus on the context: an overview of the historical, social, and religious environment of the Christian Scriptures, with the emphasis on the social political reality of the Roman Empire and the development of Judaism (the period of 168 BCE to 135 CE). As such, the survey will introduce the social, literary, ideological and theological contexts in which these writings emerged and which they reflect. This shall also include interpretation of important texts significant in today's context.

Course Goals: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) acquire knowledge of the historical, social and religious background of the NT writings.
- b) develop awareness of the story, purpose, structure, literary forms, themes of the NT literature.
- c) utilize some models of interpretation to help them in leading Bible Studies and in preaching.
- d) respond to the 2028 ECP Vision to be Scripture-rooted disciples and teach others to follow suit.

3. Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) History

Course Description:

This course surveys the beginning, development, and the current state of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In particular, it starts from the Spanish-American War which resulted in the entry of Americans in the Philippines and ends in the adoption of the 2028 Vision, Mission, and Goal (VMG).

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) identify key events in the broader Philippine History that contributed in the beginning, development, and the current state of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.
- b) explain how the Philippine context shaped the Episcopal Church in the Philippines as well as how the Episcopal Church influenced the nation.
- c) propose concrete ways of making the Gospel relevant to the needs of God's people in the Philippine context.
- d) confidently share the history of their church and how it is participating in the mission of God in this part of the world.

4. Liturgical Theology and Practice

Course Description:

This is a course in Sacramental Theology with special attention to sacraments and sacramental rites as acts of the church. This course primarily focuses on the rites of Christian Initiation and Holy Eucharist, with a secondary focus on other rites such as ordination, confession, anointing the sick, marriage, and burial of the dead. Particular attention will be given to the Anglican tradition and the rites of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) understand the nature of sacraments and the ways that sacraments express and shape the faith of the Church.
- b) describe major theological emphases of the Book of Common Prayer and the rites therein, particularly its baptismal theology and Eucharistic focus;
- c) analyze contemporary issues in liturgical practice in light of sacramental theology.

5. Leadership Development/Transformational Leadership

Course Description:

This leadership course is designed for leaders who are committed to church ministry. This shall include discussing the characteristics of a good Christian leader, doing a visioning process,

engaging in strategic planning, decision-making, teamwork, conflict resolution, delegating tasks; and mentoring and coaching the next generation of leaders.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) articulate key aspects of ministry leadership
- b) explore the theology of money.
- c) learn conflict resolution strategies for a healthy congregation.
- d) engage their local churches in strategic planning and employ concrete strategies.
- e) help improve their overall church profile.

6. Pastoral Care and Counseling

Course Description:

This course explores the nature, purpose and ministry potentials of pastoral care, with particular focus on dealing with problems and crisis in the context of a local church. It will also look into developing concrete ways of doing pastoral counseling in their everyday encounters.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) grow in their relationship with the Lord and with others.
- b) appreciate the need for this special ministry in this broken world.
- c) design a simple pastoral care program for their parish.
- d) practice pastoral counseling with the guidance of their priests.

7. Mission Strategies and Church Management

Course Description:

The course is designed to introduce the participants to the different theories and basis of doing mission. The meaning, models, and methods of doing mission will be explored from the perspective of biblical, historical, and missional. As an application, it shall include an exploration and study of principles of management and their application to actual contexts, which seeks to contribute to the growth and development of local congregations.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) comprehend the biblical, theological, and historical basis of doing mission.
- b) become familiar with new church movements within and outside the Episcopal Church.
- c) examine significant principles of church management relative to the growth of the local church.
- d) plan programs for their local churches to address their problems/concerns on church management and stewardship.

8. Effective Preaching

Course Description:

This course covers the composition, construction, delivery and evaluation of sermons designed to communicate God's word effectively in today's context. It shall utilize the Lectionary, especially the various Sundays of the Christian Year as observed in the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) identify the colors, meanings and significance of the different Seasons of the Liturgical Year as observed in the ECP.
- b) expound the nature, structure and themes surrounding the Lectionary for Sundays according to the use of the ECP.
- c) develop skills at composition, delivery and evaluation of sermon based on the Calendar of the Church Year and the Lectionary.
- d) preach with confidence in their own local churches.

9. Christian Engagement in the Public Square

Course Description:

The course examines the why and how of Christian engagement in the political life of our communities, both local and global. It also deals with the reality of resistance to as well as confusion about such engagements. It encourages critically informed and renewed commitment to working for the public good of all of God's people through active participation in civic affairs.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- a) understand the holistic practice of Christian faith.
- b) explain theological imperatives for Christian engagement in political affairs of any given community.
- c) respond to sources of confusion and resistance regarding Christian advocacy for social justice in the public square.
- d) consider the distinctive characteristics of Christian faith and practice affecting how Christians conduct themselves in the public square.

Note: Christian Education is not included as Diocesan programs are in place.

B. MECHANICS

1. Invitations and announcements shall be posted in social media and in the SATS website.
2. The program shall require participants to register online via google forms (Links shall be provided in the invitation to guide participants.)
3. Participants are required to download and create their zoom accounts.
4. Classes will be conducted via Zoom.
5. Copies of invitation to the Zoom will be sent to all participants.

C. SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

August 17-September 25, 2020	Old Testament New Testament
September 28-October 31, 2020	ECP History Liturgical Theology and Practice
November 3- December 19, 2020	Transformational Leadership/Leadership Devt
January 4- February 6, 2021	Pastoral Care and Counseling Mission Strategies & Church Management
February 8-April 30	Effective Preaching Engaging the Church in the Public Square
May 1- May 26, 2021	Courses may be repeated for those who missed

Note: This is tentative as courses offered will be dependent on the number of participants. Another schedule may be prepared to cater to the needs of the participants. The courses will be conducted mostly in the evenings and during weekends. Outside speakers, who are expert in their fields, may be invited to give a lecture on the some of the important topics.

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Note: *Fees will be P1,000/unit. Graduation fees will be added in their final course.*