

## The Master of Religious Education

### *What is the Master of Religious Education?*

**The** Master of Religious Education is a graduate level professional degree designed for the preparation of teachers in the area of Religious Education or Administration in Catholic Schools.

### *What are its Program Goals and Objectives?*

**The** program offers students instruction in the major areas of Catholic theology, as well as the disciplines of Religious education and Catholic School administration; fosters a capacity to discern and engage the cultural context as it impacts Catholic education; provides students with opportunities to grow in their spiritual life and in their vocation as Catholic educators and witnesses to the Gospel; and integrates theological knowledge and religious education formation in the professional work of Catholic education.

### *What are the course requirements?*

**Courses** in Foundational, Scripture, Systematics, Liturgical, and Moral Theology provide a common area of study as well as a base from which students can interact with each other on topics and concerns of mutual interest.

The program requires the successful completion of 42 credits: 30 credits of course work and 12 credits of field education. Credits may be acquired through full-time or

part-time enrollment, and a student may transfer a maximum of 15 graduate level credits toward the MRE from other recognized colleges and universities.

### *How are courses delivered?*

**Course** content is presented through lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, private research and field education. Community spirit is promoted not only through worship and social interaction in the more formal learning situation, but also through participating in extracurricular activities. The MRE was also recently approved for delivery online, meaning the entire program can be completed at a distance.

### *What are the admission requirements?*

**A** B.Ed. degree or undergraduate degree plus a teaching certificate are required for admission into the Program. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree plus work experience in an educational setting may also be considered.

### *How does one apply to the MRE Program?*

**An** applicant must submit a completed application form and non-refundable application fee; transcripts from all post-secondary institutions; letters of reference from two persons qualified to judge the applicant's character and intellectual ability; and a personal statement or letter of intent about why the applicant

would like to study in the Master of Religious Education program.

### *What is the cost of the Program?*

**A** total of \$9896.00 for 10 courses and 4 components of field education; \$220.00 for non-instructional fees; and approximately \$650.00 for books and supplies.

### *How will the Master of Religious Education ultimately impact the life of a Catholic teacher?*

**The** Master of Religious Education provides opportunities for religious educators to deepen their Christian faith and to explore ways for nurturing it in others. The courses are designed to awaken an intellectual understanding of the Christian tradition, to foster a hope-filled trust in God's promises and to empower an active commitment to the building of the Reign of God. This threefold faith: intellectual, affective, and active becomes the context within which pedagogical approaches are examined and developed in order to enable religious educators to interpret the Christian tradition effectively in contemporary society.