



ST. BERNARD'S
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

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Is Theology or Ministry your passion?

Since 1893,

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry has been a leader in New York State in assisting men and women to answer their call to faithful and loving service. Exciting, innovative classes, transformational relationships and diverse professional development opportunities have inspired generations to be leaders in their churches and communities.

St. Bernard's offers three graduate degree programs suitable for professional advancement or personal enrichment. Our goal is to integrate classroom learning with personal, spiritual and professional development and open our students to a fuller grasp of the deeper meanings of the Catholic faith tradition.

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS)

This degree is designed for students who desire to serve in diverse and specialized ministerial roles in the church. It combines course work in key areas of theological studies and ministerial leadership. It also includes a supervised pastoral formation (field education) experience.

Required Courses:

Orientation to Theological Studies	Introduction to Christian Scriptures
Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures	Theology of the Trinity
Church and Ministry	Moral and Social Teachings
Worship and Sacraments	Pastoral Care I
Ministerial Leadership	Four additional electives
Pastoral Formation I	Graduates' Colloquium
Spiritual Formation	

Master of Divinity (M.Div)

This broad-based course of study and professional training is designed for students called to lay ministerial leadership or ordained ministry. It combines course work in various theological areas such as Scripture, History of Christianity, Systematic Theology and Pastoral Ministry studies. It also includes two years of supervised pastoral formation (field education) experience.

Required Courses:

Orientation to Theological Studies	Contemporary Moral Issues
Spiritual Formation	Pastoral Care I and II
Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures	Liturgical Preaching
Introduction to the Christian Scriptures	Ministerial Leadership
Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Writing	Liturgical Leadership
Prophets and Writings	Spirituality elective
History of Christianity	Pastoral Formation I and II
History elective	Theology of the Trinity
Worship and Sacraments	Four additional electives
Church and Ministry	Graduates' Colloquium
Moral and Social Teachings	

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

This program has two options: a thesis track and an all-course track. The thesis track is for students who plan to pursue doctoral studies or teach. The all-course track is for those whose career goals do not include doctoral studies.

Required Courses

Thesis Track:

Orientation to Theological Studies
Introduction to Research
Eight courses in area of concentration
Three additional electives
Thesis (equivalent of two courses)
Language requirement
Written and oral comprehensive examination

All Course Track:

Orientation to Theological Studies
Spiritual Formation
Eight courses in area of concentration
Five additional electives
Written and oral comprehensive examination

Classes at St. Bernard's

Learning takes place in a variety of class formats, where professors encourage the sharing of ideas and experiences. Some courses are now offered online, with interactive lectures and professor feedback happening in a digital learning environment. Courses are offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Selected courses are available via video conference to various locations across New York State. Most classes are held one evening per week.



Admissions and Financial Aid

Admissions requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college with an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.5. Students who do not hold a bachelor's degree may register for courses and, if their work is satisfactory, may matriculate into the Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Studies.

There are a number of campus specific financial aid opportunities. Students may apply for Benefactors' Scholarships in the Diocese of Rochester, Hubbard Scholarships in the Diocese of Albany, and Heritage Scholarships in the Diocese of Syracuse.

Students may also be eligible for:

- Tuition Assistance, generously offered from the Dioceses of Rochester, Albany and Syracuse
- Federal Student Loan Program
- Extended Payment arrangements
- Veterans' Benefits

For more information on St. Bernard's, please contact the office of the Director of Recruitment and Financial Aid: admissions@stbernards.edu or 585-271-3657



History and Accreditation

Opened as a Roman Catholic Seminary in 1893 by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, St. Bernard's has a heritage of innovation in theological studies. For more than a century, St. Bernard's has steadily pursued a course of dedication and service to a changing Catholic Church in a changing world.

In 1981, St. Bernard's became one of the first accredited Roman Catholic theological schools in the eastern U.S. to offer graduate education to lay people in preparation for parish and community ministry. In 1989, St. Bernard's opened its doors in the Diocese of Albany, and in 2011, St. Bernard's held its first class in the Diocese of Syracuse. St. Bernard's continues to thrive, meeting the Church's diverse and ever-changing needs for theological and ministerial education.

St. Bernard's is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Our Faculty

Theological scholars, retreat masters, lecturers, authors, pastoral counselors, and clergy make up St. Bernard's diverse faculty of faithful men and women. They share a passion for learning, Christian service, and the success of their students. Highly accessible as advisors, they assist in course selection as well as intellectual, pastoral and spiritual formation.

Our Mission

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, a Roman Catholic graduate and professional school, educates and assists women and men in academic, ministerial, interpersonal and spiritual formation for the purpose of serving the Church through diverse forms of lay and ordained ministries; theological scholarship; and Christian service in society.

Our Graduates

St. Bernard's graduates can be found serving the Church in numerous ways. You will find them ministering as faith formation directors, chaplains, teachers, key members of parish staffs, music ministers, parish leaders, deacons, and youth ministers. Other graduates volunteer their gifts in the Church while serving in other careers.

For further information on current course offerings, applying to St. Bernard's, or arranging a tour, Contact us:

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