



About Siena Heights University

Siena Heights is a Catholic, coeducational liberal arts university founded by the Adrian Dominican Congregation in 1919. The main campus in Adrian enrolls about 1,200 students in full-time and part-time study leading to associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

A leader in non-traditional education, Siena Heights has 30 years experience providing service-oriented education for working adults. Siena Heights has distinguished itself as the first private liberal arts college in Michigan to offer degree completion programs designed specifically for adult students. In addition to the Program in Theological Studies, Siena Heights University operates degree completion centers in Benton Harbor, Battle Creek, Metropolitan Detroit, Monroe, Lansing, Jackson, and Online.

Siena Heights University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mission

The Program in Theological Studies helps to fulfill the Siena Heights University mission: to assist people to become more competent, purposeful and ethical in a teaching and learning environment that respects the dignity of all.

Siena Heights University is committed to a collaborative vision of ministry and is dedicated to facilitating an academic process whereby Church leaders can become grounded in theology and professionally prepared for ministry.

"I came to the PTS program looking to meet the academic requirements for my ministerial program. What I found was that and so much more. I fell in love with the Church. The knowledge I received has already proven invaluable in my ministry. But it is my newfound love for the Church that really drives and sustains my ministry. The Holy Spirit has used the program to not only form my mind but to transform my heart."

— Randal Desrochers
2012 Graduate

Locations

PROGRAM IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES SITES

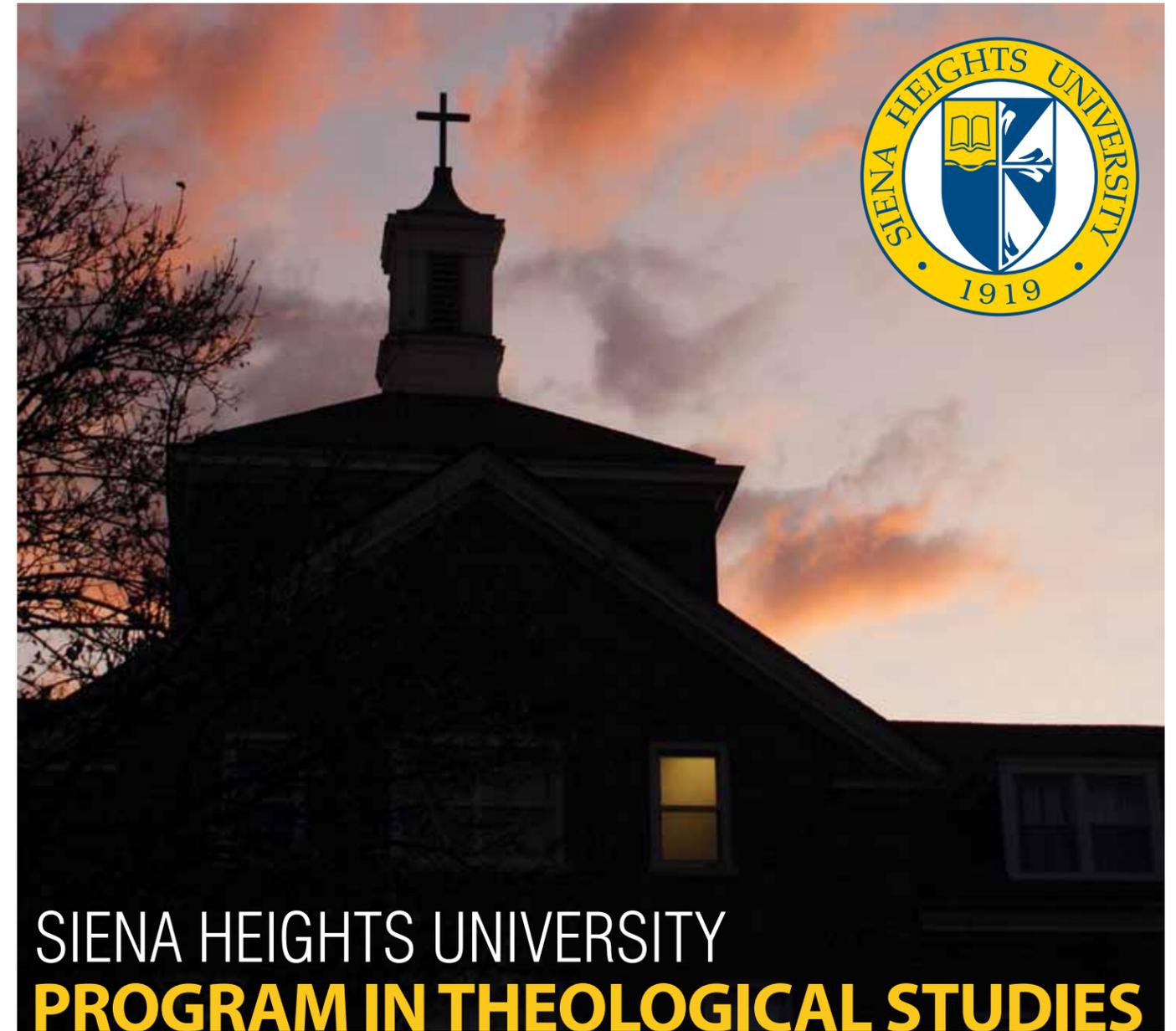
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Lansing, MI
- Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish
Jackson, MI
- St. Pius X Parish
Flint, MI
- Christ the King Parish
Ann Arbor, MI

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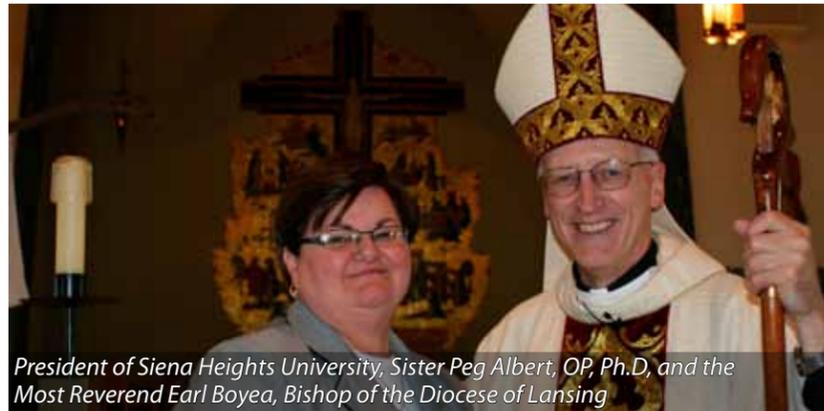
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President of Siena Heights University, Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D., and the Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing

Program in Theological Studies

The Diocese of Lansing developed a program for the theological formation of lay ministers in response to the Church's need for lay leadership fully committed to her teachings. The Program may serve to meet certain prerequisites for inquirers to the Permanent Diaconate. Individuals seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith are encouraged to join as well, whether or not they are sponsored by a parish or diocese.

The Program in Theological Studies consists of twelve undergraduate courses (36 credit hours). Completion of the program may constitute a contracted major in Theological Studies. Completion of six courses (18 credit hours) may constitute a minor.

Siena Heights University employs superbly qualified faculty who teach in the name of the Catholic Church to meet the needs of non-traditional students while maintaining the excellence of a university education. All faculty members teach in accordance with the spirit of *Ex corde ecclesiae*.



Kevin M. O'Connor, Ph.D.
Director and Assistant Professor
Program in Theological Studies

"I first came to the Program in Theological Studies teaching Church History at our Flint site. I was hooked from day one. The students were among the most committed I have taught at the undergraduate level, mastering even the most challenging assignments. More importantly, I came away from each class with the distinct knowledge that the Church is in good hands. Those Thursday mornings fed me both spiritually and intellectually. When the Director's position opened I knew immediately that I wanted to help lead the program. The Adrian Dominican Sisters are always forward-thinking, looking toward the horizon and searching for better ways to ensure that we remain 'Opportunity U.'"



Helping Others Touch God

"We get comments from people all the time saying the program has changed their lives. Its combination of theological study with spiritual formation and discernment gives students a deeper understanding of who they are alone and before God. It helps them articulate their piece of the truth, and explore others' truths through dialogue within the church framework."

-Sister Marilyn Barnett, OP
faith Magazine, May 2006



Courses in the Program

TSP 301 - FOUNDATIONAL THEOLOGY

This course provides a contemporary overview of the foundational concepts and methodology in Theology. It examines such topics as faith, reason, and the human person, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Scripture, Church, Creation, and Redemption as major doctrines of the Catholic Church. Resources include parts of DV, VS, the Pontifical Biblical Commission's *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, and CCC #26-184, 976-1065.

TSP 302 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: 1

Through exploration of the English text of the Old Testament, students will discover the cultural context of ancient faith communities, and how the sacred texts emerging from them have been interpreted theologically in both Jewish and Christian traditions. The course utilizes various methods of textual interpretation, including historical critical methods, and considers various theological models of revelation.

TSP 303 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: 2

Through exploration of the English text of the New Testament, students will discover the cultural context of early Christian communities and how the sacred writings emerging from them have been interpreted theologically. The course utilizes various methods of textual interpretation, including historical critical methods, and considers various theological models of revelation.

TSP 305 - THEOLOGICAL ETHICS

This course will study the moral principles and norms of Catholic Tradition and will explore the relationship between Christian social ethics (especially bioethics, sexual ethics, and marriage and family) and Christian moral development, and how a believer manifests both as fundamental for participation in a faith community. This course will also examine the importance of the Magisterium and the centrality and formation of conscience. Resources include CCC #1691-2557.

TSP 320 - SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The central focus of this course is the history and tradition of the seven sacraments with a special focus on the Eucharist. This includes an analysis of the theology, ritual content and form and matter of the sacraments as well as the pastoral and ecclesial aspects of their celebration. Resources include SC and CCC #1113-1134, 1210-1666.

TSP 335 - THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY

This course examines the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ continued as mission and ministry of the Church, from which Christian ministry in all its forms flows. It will include scriptural and ecclesial sources as background for the development of contemporary post-conciliar forms of ministry, including offices in the Church, the role of the Bishop, collaboration of the clergy and laity, cultural pluralism, the missionary nature of the Church (AG), and ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue. Resources include CL and Instruction in Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests.

TSP 312 - CHURCH HISTORY

This course will study the history of the Church from the Apostolic Age to the present. It will emphasize structure, expansion, worship, theological developments, important persons and movements. Included will be a brief introduction to the Fathers of the Church, the Eastern Churches, and the History of the Church in the United States.

TSP 313 - ECCLESIOLOGY

Students will study the origin, nature, and mission of the Church. The course includes a general historical survey, but the major focus is on select documents of the Second Vatican Council, especially LG, as well as the CCC #748-975. Some attention will be given to ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue and UR and the Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism (1993).

TSP 319 - CHRIST AND TRINITY

This course explores the mystery of the Trinity and the person and salvific mission of Christ. It examines the biblical witness concerning Jesus, the early ecumenical councils as they contribute to Christology and the explication of the doctrine of the Trinity. It also attends to contemporary issues affecting Christology. Resources include CCC #185-747.

TSP 345 - LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

Through a pastoral study of the traditions of liturgical worship, including SC, students will apply their understanding of the rites of the Church. An extensive examination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, principles and techniques for effective preparation and execution of liturgical celebrations will be featured. Resources include CCC #1077-1122, 1135-1209, 1667-1690. Some aspects of Spirituality of Liturgical Celebration will also be examined.

TSP 365 - CATECHETICAL METHODOLOGY

This course will focus on the principles of catechetical theory and praxis as articulated in the GDC and the NDC. Emphasis will be placed on the catechetical process as it relates to specific ministries and an examination of the process of faith development; that is, helping Catholics' faith become alive, as it integrates with the psychological, moral, and cognitive stages of human development as well as the stages of conversion in Christian development.

TSP 355 - MINISTRY, MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Theological models of leadership and management will be studied in order to develop specific ministerial skills. Personalized field work experiences will be included. Note: inquirers to the diaconate take Canon Law (TSP 400) in lieu of this course.

TSP 400 - CANON LAW

Since the 1983 Code of Canon Law is the fruit of Vatican II, the course will focus on how the Canons are designed to implement the Council's teachings in a way that facilitates the mission of the Church. Special emphasis will be placed on the rights and responsibilities of clerics and laity, the sacramental life of the Church, an understanding of Church structures, and a realization of the similarities and differences between Canon Law and civil law



"We should always be thinking of on-going formation for [staff members]. Please look to see who the leaders of the next generation might be by encouraging them to follow a course of study. Please consider enrolling some of your parish staff in a course."

— Most Reverend Earl Boyea
Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing