



The Diploma of Clerical and Esoteric Studies

Year One

1. What is Liberal Catholicism? An in Depth Exploration.

The history and formation of the Liberal Catholic Church and an insight into its founders.

A detailed exploration of the doctrines of The Liberal Catholic Church Grail Community.

2. An Introduction to Theology.

What is theology?

Temple theology.

The parting of the ways, comparing Liberal Catholic Theology and conventional Christian theology.

3. The History of Christianity.

Early Christianity and Christian sects.

The formation of the Roman church.

The separation of the Eastern and Western churches.

The reformation.

4. How we got our Bible.

The origins of the scriptures.

The authors of the scriptures.

How and why the books of the Bible were chosen.

The Apocrypha, Gnostic scripture, the church fathers, Nag Hamadi.

5. The Gnostics and Gnosticism.

Who were the Gnostics and what are their origins?

The Gnostic scriptures.

What is Gnosticism?

6. Meditation, the Inward Journey.

What is meditation?

What is the purpose of meditation?

How to meditate.

Ritual as a meditation.

7. The First Residential Weekend 'Meditation and Ritual'.

Practical aspects of meditation, developing the correct mindset.

What is ritual? What is its use and purpose?

8. Mysticism.

What is 'Mysticism'?

The great mystics.

'The Way of the Heart'.

9. An Introduction to Comparative Religion.

The great faiths of the world.

Common threads in the major religious traditions.

10. Theosophy, the Ancient Wisdom.

What is Theosophy?

Key Theosophical ideas and principals.

11. The Seven Sacraments of the Church.

What are the seven sacraments?

Their purpose and meaning, outwardly and also esoterically.

The inner side of the sacraments.

12. The Inner Side of the Eucharist.

The deeper symbolism of the Eucharist.

What happens in the spiritual realms during the Eucharist?

Year Two

1. What are the Duties of a Priest/Deaconess?

What are the duties and life of a Priest?

What are the duties and life of a Deaconess?

The moral and ethical conduct and expectations of clergy in their life and work.

2. Writing and Delivering a Sermon.

Putting together a relevant and meaningful sermon.

The use of scriptural and non-scriptural quotes in sermons.

Delivering a sermon and public speaking.

Making sermons relevant to everyday life.

3. The Seven Rays.

What are the seven rays?

The seven rays in ritual.

The psychology of the seven rays.

4. The Feminine Aspect of Deity and Our Lady.

What is the feminine aspect?

God as both masculine and feminine.

Our Lady.

The Holy Spirit.

5. Death and the Human Journey.

What is death?

What happens before, during and after death?

What are the emotional and practical considerations?

I die daily, the spiritual death.

6. The Second Residential Weekend 'Pastoral Care'.

What is pastoral care?

Maintaining boundaries.

Spiritual counselling.

End of life support.

Active listening skills.

Legal considerations.

7. The Sacred Vessels and Vestments of the Church, their Symbolism and use.

The names of the different vestments and vessels.

Their inner meaning and symbolism.

How they are used.

8. Performing The Sacraments, a Study in Intention.

What is intention?

Directing thought.

The state of mind of the celebrant.

Inner purification.

9. Angelic Co-operation.

The nature of angelic consciousness.

The angels and ritual.

Attuning to the angels.

Angelic co-operation in everyday life.

10. The Healing Service.

What is spiritual healing?

What happens on the inner worlds during the healing service?

The chakras and the healing angels.

11. Exorcism, its use and Power.

What is exorcism?

Possession and obsession.

Psychic attack and defence.

Mental health considerations.

Haunting.

Does evil really exist?

12. Third Residential Weekend 'Performing the Sacraments, the Practical Considerations'.

Ritual instructions and 'The Blue Book'.

Grace in action.

Taking services.