



# 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, it's 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.*