

## Basic Certificate in the Old Testament Program Objectives

The six required courses for this certificate are intended to equip the student with basic knowledge and guidance for reflecting on God's Revelation in the Old Testament. Those who complete these courses should be able to:

- Use Catholic methods for reading and understanding the various books of the Old Testament.
- Describe the structure and doctrinal implications of Genesis.
- Explain the nature of the Abrahamic Covenant and its significance in the history of salvation.
- Describe the Psalms as religious poetry and prayer of Jews and Christians and point out the various elements of parallelisms, purposes, and emotions that assist a critical appreciation of them.
- Identify important biblical figures from the periods of the judges, Samuel, and kings and explain the narrative which connects the history of Israel.
- Describe the Hebrew concept of wisdom, and the contribution of the wisdom books for communicating inspired truth.
- Engage in interpretive tools that one can use in the prophetic aspect of one's ministry.
- Demonstrate how Isaiah's suffering servant was embodied in Jesus and how these Scriptures contribute to the theology of Christ's passion and the vocation of all Christians.