

Basic Certificate in the Christian Morality Program Objectives

The six required courses for this certificate are intended to equip the student with basic knowledge and guidance for living as disciples of Jesus Christ. Those who complete these courses should be able to:

- Summarize the basic principles underlying the moral teachings of the Catholic Church as they are developed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
- Explain the sources of Christian morality and the moral responsibilities required by the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church.
- Describe the Scriptural foundations, obligations, sins, and virtues related to each of the Commandments.
- Describe the meaning of moral conscience and how it ought to be formed.
- Describe the relationship between sin and conscience, and the connection of one's moral conscience to the call of Jesus for conversion through the Sacrament of Penance.
- Apply Church teachings to moral issues in today's world.
- Examine ways to live the Christian life within the context of the Baptismal call to holiness.