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# ICC ANNUAL CURRICULUM

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## QUARTER I

Beginning just before the Advent season, events focus on the ancient world, human nature, the Old Testament, and an introduction to the Catholic faith.

## QUARTER II

Beginning with Christmas, studies center upon the revelation of Christ, the patristic age, the fundamentals of morality, the Church, and the Sacraments.

## QUARTER III

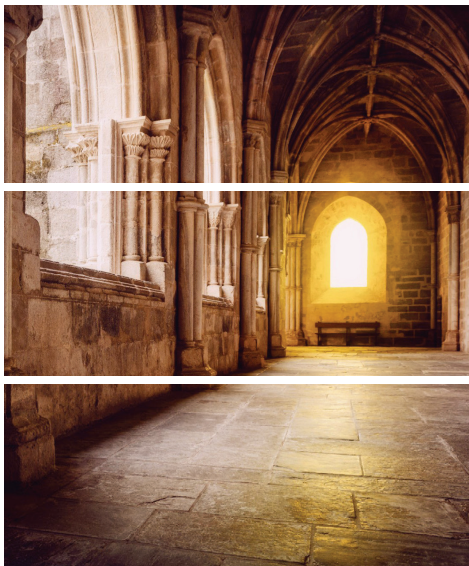
Beginning after Easter, attendees are introduced to the Epistles, the Medieval and Renaissance world, scholastic philosophy, and the Church's spiritual patrimony.

## QUARTER IV

During the summer months, we consider issues facing Christians in the modern world, enabling attendees to understand and offer a convincing defense of the faith they profess.

## THEOLOGY

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### QUARTER I

#### The Ancient & Biblical World

What Are We Waiting For? Advent, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and John the Baptist

### QUARTERS II & III

#### Course | Application Required

Theology 101: Fundamentals of Catholic Doctrine

### QUARTER IV

#### Course | Application Required

Theology 102: Faith Seeking Understanding

# PHILOSOPHY

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## QUARTER I

**Human Nature**

Good Servants, Bad Masters: Saint Thomas on the Passions

## QUARTER II

**Ethics**

Habits and Holiness: Ethics, Theology, & Biopsychology

## QUARTER III

**Course | Application Required**

Introduction to Catholic Bioethics

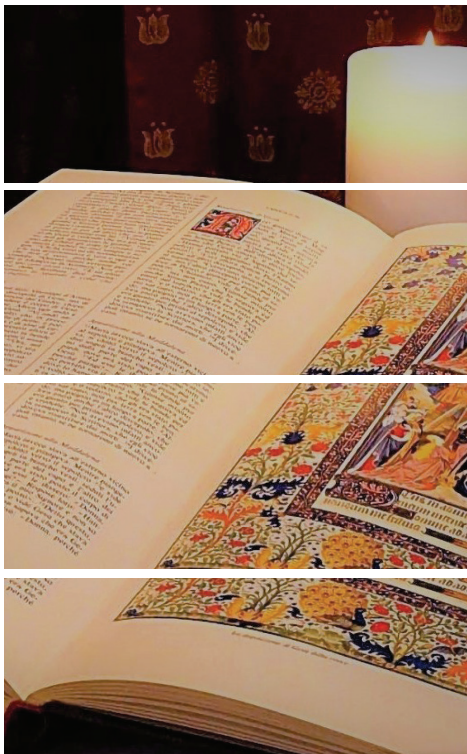
## QUARTER IV

**Course | Application Required**

Introduction to Catholic Bioethics (*continued*)

# SCRIPTURE

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## QUARTER I

**Old Testament**

Women of Faith: Heroines of the Old Testament

## QUARTER II

**Gospels**

Women of Faith: Heroines of the New Testament

## QUARTER III

**Acts & Epistles**

Women of Faith: Heroines of the Early Church

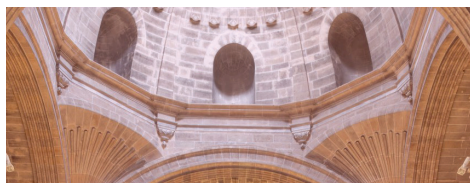
## QUARTER IV

**Biblical Apologetics & Special Topics**

Women of Faith: Defenders of Orthodoxy

# LITURGY & FESTAL CYCLE

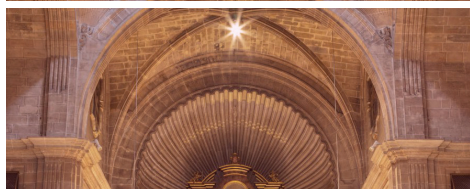
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## QUARTER I

### Advent Season

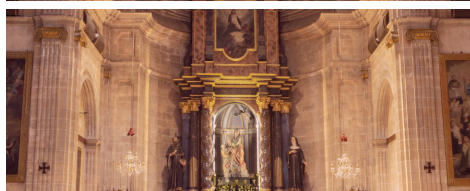
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God: A Biblical Study of Handel's Messiah



## QUARTER II

### Lenten Season

Fighting the Devil: Christ Versus Satan in our Daily Lives



## QUARTER III

### Medieval & Renaissance Liturgical Studies

Making Melody: Lifting the Soul to God



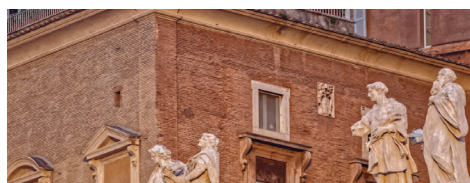
## QUARTER IV

### Modern Liturgical Issues

Sacred Signs: Pointing the Way to Heaven

# CATECHETICS

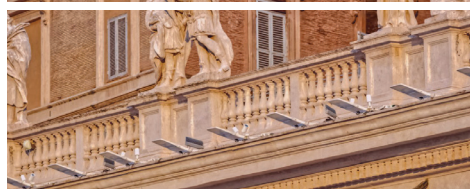
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## QUARTER I

### The Creed

Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit & Born of the Virgin  
Catechesis in Crisis: The Breakdown of Doctrine, Faith & Conscience



## QUARTER II

### The Church & the Sacraments

Encountering Christ: Mystagogy and the Life of the Church  
Sacrificial Love: Marriage, Monasticism, and Martyrdom



## QUARTER III

### The Moral Life

Deus Caritas Est: On the Theological Virtue of Charity



## QUARTER IV

### The Church in the Modern World

The Way of the Pilgrim: Entering Into the Jesus Prayer

# LITERATURE & THE ARTS

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## QUARTER I

**The Ancient World | Foundations in Literary Study**

Despoiling the Egyptians: The Christian Approach to Pagan Literature

## QUARTER II

**Early Christian | Lent**

Awe and Love: St. Ephrem's Hymns on Paradise

The Pieta: Entering into the Passion of Christ

## QUARTER III

**Catholic Medieval & Renaissance Classics**

The Greatest of Poets: An Introduction to Dante Alighieri

## QUARTER IV

**The Church in the Modern World**

Recovering Don Quixote: Cervantes' Catholic Faith

# HISTORY

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## QUARTER I

**The Ancient & Biblical World**

Defeating the Infidel: The Story of the Battle of Lepanto

Fire on the Mountain: Receiving the Law at Mount Sinai

## QUARTER II

**The Early Church**

From Jerusalem to Nicaea: An Historical Analysis of the Early Councils

## QUARTER III

**The Medieval & Renaissance World**

From Nicaea to Rome: The Medieval, Renaissance, and Modern Councils

## QUARTER IV

**Spirituality and Prayer**

Orthodoxy & Synodality: An Historical Analysis

# QUARTER I

*The first quarter of the ICC curriculum year, beginning just before the Advent season and concluding with the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, focuses on the ancient and biblical world, the fundamentals of human nature, and Old Testament revelation, preparing attendees for the Advent of the Christ and the beginning of the Christian Era.*



## DEFEATING THE INFIDEL: THE STORY OF THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

**Christopher Check on Monday, October 4**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

On October 7, 1571, the most important sea battle in history was fought by the Holy League and the Ottoman Turks. As political and religious conflicts imperiled Europe from within, the Turk was threatening to devour Christendom from without. It took the daring leadership of one man, the deep faith of a great pope, and the intervention of the Blessed Virgin to save it.



## CATECHESIS IN CRISIS: THE BREAKDOWN OF DOCTRINE, FAITH, AND CONSCIENCE

**Jared Staudt, Ph.D., on Sunday, October 17**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

The task of transmitting the faith has become increasingly difficult with an excessive focus on freedom in our culture. Conscience has been misunderstood to represent the autonomy of each individual's beliefs in contrast to the authority of the Church. Discover how true liberty comes from belief in the Church's doctrine and how we can strengthen our efforts to catechize today.



## GOOD SERVANTS, BAD MASTERS: SAINT THOMAS ON THE PASSIONS

**Rev. Paul Scalia on Tuesday, October 19**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

What role do the emotions or passions play in our lives? For most people, it's too much or too little. Saint Thomas, the Common Doctor, teaches us about the passions of the human soul and how we can integrate them for a deeper relationship with God and with others.



## FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN: RECEIVING THE LAW AT MOUNT SINAI

**Steven Smith, Ph.D., on Tuesday, October 26**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

Is God's continued action throughout salvation history merely a series of reactions to the choices of fallen men? To explore this question, we will look at what happened on Mount Sinai over three millennia ago and explore its significance for understanding God's plan for the life of His Church.



## ODYSSEUS AND THE PILGRIM: THE CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO PAGAN LITERATURE

**Anthony Esolen, Ph.D., on Tuesday, November 16**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

The great literature of pagan Greece and Rome can teach Christians much about the place of exile from which we begin, and even about many of the virtues we need as we travel along the way. They cannot show us the destination we seek, of course. Even so, it is not so much that they lead us to the wrong destination, but that, without Christ, they fall far short of finding the true one.



## WOMEN OF FAITH: HEROINES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

**With Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D., on Mondays, November 8 & 15**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

**Live Webinar Series:** Register at [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events)

"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." —Luke 1:45

Many faithful women hold prominent places in the stories of the Old Testament. Join Father Sebastian Carnazzo to learn about these great women and how they ultimately point forward to the Blessed Virgin Mary, her Son, and the Church.



## WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? ADVENT, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

**With John Bergsma, Ph.D., on Tuesday, November 30**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

**Live Webinar:** Register at [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events)

Advent is a time of waiting. To wait well, we can draw lessons from the ancient Essenes, the Jewish sect that left us the Dead Sea Scrolls. This all-male monastic community lived at the shore of the Dead Sea along the route they expected the Messiah to take up to Jerusalem. We can better understand Jesus' ministry through their writings and their greatest pupil: John the Baptist.



## CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY

**With Tim Staples on Tuesday, December 7**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

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Paul referred to Christ crucified as "a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks" (1 Cor 1:23). For the Jews, "How could the infinite and all-powerful God become a man and die?" And for the Greeks, "How could God who is pure actuality become anything at all?" Join us as we ponder this great mystery and discuss how the the Incarnation does not violate the laws of reason.



## WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD: A BIBLICAL STUDY OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH

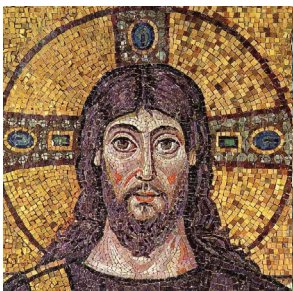
**With Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope on Tuesday, December 14**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 10:00 PM ET

**Live Webinar:** Register at [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events)

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given... His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." —Isaiah 9:6

Enjoy a guided tour of scriptural passages and musical themes in Handel's masterpiece, the *Messiah*.



## THEOLOGY 101: FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

**With Jared Staudt, Ph.D., on Thursdays, January 20 - June 23**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:15 PM ET

**Live Online Course:** Registration opens November 30 and closes January 6

Register at [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events)

This course provides an introduction to theology, the Church's systematic understanding of God's revelation. It examines theology's methods and sources and explores the articulation of the most important doctrines of the Catholic faith.



## THE ICC'S MAGDALA APOSTOLATE EDUCATING RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Please remember our Magdala Apostolate sisters in your prayers! The sisters recently began a new semester of courses. The Magdala Apostolate is an outreach project of the Institute of Catholic Culture dedicated to providing sound doctrinal formation—both initial and ongoing—for women religious and novices, in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization and the mission of the Institute of Catholic Culture.

## THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

We are an adult catechetical organization, faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and dedicated to the Church's call for a new evangelization. The Institute seeks to fulfill its mission by offering educational programs structured upon the classical liberal arts and opportunities in which authentic Catholic culture is experienced and lived.



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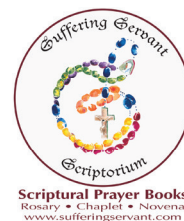
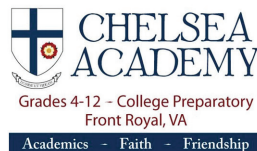
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