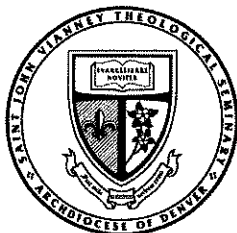




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Dear Prospective Student,

Welcome to the Lay Division of St John Vianney Theological Seminary! Every year the Lord has blessed us with hundreds of brothers and sisters who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and encounter Jesus Christ in our various programs.

We are excited that the Holy Spirit has brought you to our newest supplemental program, *Dante's Divine Comedy: A User's Guide to Salvation!* Because of the quantity of material taught during the year, we would like you to be fully aware of the requirements that we have for our students. Our Supplemental Programs are lecture based and do not have any small groups, homework, or tests. They are designed to guide you through the study of various topics on the Catholic faith and culture, to help you apply the lessons to your daily life, and to strengthen your relationship with God. On our part, we aim to accomplish this through dynamic and effective teaching. In turn, we ask you simply to dedicate yourself to a faithful attendance and participation in class throughout the year.

Enclosed you will find additional information, including our Academic Calendar and Policies & Procedures. In order to accurately anticipate class enrollment, we ask that you please register online at www.sjvdenver.edu/laydivision as soon as possible. Tuition for the entire year is \$445 including a \$20 registration fee (\$400 for ages 65 and older). Students can pay in full at the beginning of the year, once each semester, or monthly. There are various discounts (listed on the back of this sheet) available, and for those students in financial need, there is Tuition Assistance as well. Talk to your instructor for more information.

We are excited and encouraged that you are participating in the study of our Catholic faith in the literary word of Dante's masterpiece, *The Divine Comedy*. We pray that it will be as exciting and as life-giving for you as it is for us!

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Nicholas Lebish, D.Min., Ed.D.
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St. John Vianney Seminary Lay Division **Enrichment Courses**

- ❖ Apologetics for the New Evangelization
- ❖ Dante's Divine Comedy: A User's Guide to Salvation
- ❖ Icon: An Exploration of Catholic Art and Culture
- ❖ Wisdom of the Saints: The One Thing Necessary

Quick Answers to Common Questions

Registration:

To register, please visit: sjvlaydivision.org/register/

Annual Tuition (all fees below include \$20 registration fee)

	Discount	Tuition
General Student		\$445.00
Senior (65+)	10%	\$400.00
Veteran / Active Military / First Responder *	10%	\$400.00
Parish Volunteer Catechist *	10%	\$400.00
Full-time employee of Catholic ministry/Diocesan department *	100%	\$20.00
Part-time employee of Catholic ministry/Diocesan department *	50%	\$232.50

**Proof of military/employment/volunteer catechist status must be submitted to CBS office by 10/15/2020 to qualify. Failure to submit proof may disqualify discounted tuition rate.*

Tuition notes...

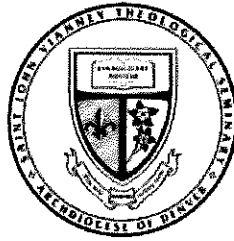
- Payable in one payment (Sept 2020), two payments (Sept 2020 & Jan 2021), or monthly payments (Sept 2020 through May 2021)
- First payment due no later than Sept 15, 2020.
- Tuition balance must be paid IN FULL by May 15, 2021.
- Limited Tuition Assistance available. Contact office for info.

Classes Begin: Week of September 14, 2020



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Dante Student Testimonials

Captivating! I loved every minute of it. Having Prof. Seth guide us on a journey through the beautifully written, yet complex nature of *The Divine Comedy* was amazing. I feel blessed to have reached a higher level of comprehension regarding this exquisite piece of ancient literature, all due to Prof. Seth for sharing his extensive knowledge of all-things Dante, his explanative abilities, and those fascinating commentaries! ~Tracy C.

Seth Fabian's Dante's class is a gem--whether you are a new reader of the *Comedy* or have already encountered Dante's work. Dr. Fabian welcomes questions and answers extensively. His background helps unravel the historical, biographical and theological references throughout the masterpiece. He also provides visual references for learning about the astronomical world of Dante's time. Studying Dante's *Divine Comedy* with Seth Fabian enhances the reader's enjoyment and appreciation for both the subject matter and the craftsmanship, drawing one closer to the Divine Creator. ~Judith R.

I loved the Dante class. Seth did an outstanding job of explaining the history, astronomy, theology, and literary techniques to make the class really robust. I especially loved Seth's lectures, he loves the topic and his enthusiasm is contagious. The highlight was listening to Seth read a passage in Italian, it simply magnified the beauty of the poetry. ~Cyndi B.

What a blessing to have Dr. Seth Fabian as our teacher and guide for *The Divine Comedy*! For some time I have wanted to read this work, most recently because Bishop Barron refers to it so often...Dr. Fabian's expertise on Dante and *The Divine Comedy* was apparent from the first class, but it is his love for this work that makes the class so wonderful. He showed us how to appreciate Dante's poetry in a way I wouldn't get on my own...This class helped me think more about the consequences of the deadly sins, and the virtues as their antidote...A classic masterpiece, taught by an aficionado of the work, no homework, and no tests. What's not to love? I highly recommend this class! ~Susan L.

In a word, Seth Fabian provided a learning experience that makes me long for more. He was well prepared for each session and conducted class with direct commentary that was pregnant with meaning and packed with historical allusions, mythical incidents, spiritual insight and human experience...It seems to me that even those who have read or studied Dante and *The Divine Comedy* will go away from this class with a renewed interest and appreciation of poetry beyond their greatest desire... ~Joseph S.

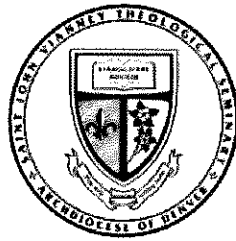
The Dante class with Dr. Seth Fabian was a pearl in my life. Although not official Church theology, this class offers a rich tapestry of thought-provoking evaluation of how our personal daily choices contribute to our paths to heaven, hell, or purgatory. The class with Dr. Fabian's instruction is a journey through history with elements of the Church, the Papacy, the evolution and culture of the Roman Empire, Astronomy, and the human spirit. This class is directly relevant to "the Now" and to each of us personally. What a blessing to have such valuable and enriching instruction from an amazing historical figure and from Dr. Fabian who makes it possible to discover Dante's message to us. ~Chasson A.

The Dante class was wonderful as the instructor took some incredibly weighty material and made it come to life in a relatable way through both his seriousness and his delightful, witty humor. There is so much in this course that it could be taken multiple times, and I believe you would gain something valuable each time...THANK YOU for offering this course! ~Bridget F.



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Regarding my Dante class experience—for subject territories as vast, rich and deep as Dante's Divine Comedy usually end up being taught in one of two ways—as a laborious unfulfilling slog...or in the case of our Dante class taught as a work of stunning brilliance, taught with and by true passion for the subject—revealed as fresh, current, and as life changing in our own times as the day it was penned. Our instructor Seth has a gifted passion for Dante, knows Dante to depth inside and out—and—above all—is able to bring to vivid life the LIFE of the Divine Comedy. It is not hyperbole to say that for the average layperson/adult learner there is no better class on Dante to be found anywhere. ~ John S.

Without a doubt, this was one of the most interesting, and probably one of the best class I've ever taken. This was not just a trip through Dante's Divine Comedy - Dante a true genius - but a thorough examination of sin, of divine justice and reward.

Dante is translation from Italian. Without Dr. Fabian it would have been Impossible. Dr. Fabian's knowledge of Italian, of Italian history, and the Comedy itself was amazing! Of 24 plus classes, at the end of most there was spontaneous applause.

Recommended! Recommended! Recommended! ~Louis P.

The DANTE class at Nativity Church in Broomfield this year with Seth Fabian as instructor was WONDERFUL, FABULOUS!!! I truly enjoyed this class, loved the format and how Seth read, and instructed us verse by verse of this great work. This class and Seth are a wonderful addition to The Biblical school...I learned so much from this class. Yes, I can say it changed my thinking and my spiritual life, and moral life. Thank you Lord for advising me to take this class even with the 40 minute commute...Once again, the Biblical school can't go wrong with this class and Seth as instructor. ~Anita G.