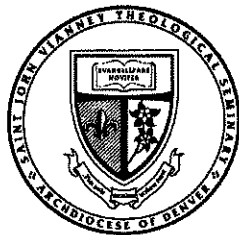




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Dear Prospective Student,

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 one of our newest supplemental programs, *Icon: An Exploration of Catholic Art & Culture*! The purpose of this information session is to help you understand the scope of this exciting course and 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](http://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 interested in participating in this course to grow in the knowledge and love of our beautiful faith. 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  
Director, Denver Catholic Biblical and Catechetical Schools

## 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/](http://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...**

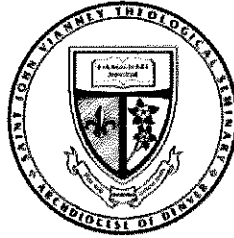
- Payable in one payment (Sept 2020), two payments (Sept 2020 & Jan 2021), or monthly payments (Sept 2020 through May 2021)
- First payment due no later than Sept 15, 2020.
- Tuition balance must be paid IN FULL by May 15, 2021.
- Limited Tuition Assistance available. Contact office for info.

**Classes Begin:** Week of September 14, 2020



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### Church History Testimonials

Dr. Staudt is probably the best instructor I have ever had. I am 80 and have taken many college courses. I have been unable to complete the class due to health but what I have learned will stick with me for a long time. As a fellow "Tommy" I am fascinated by his knowledge of church history.

~ John D.

I found this class to be very pertinent during our present day journey. The faith and fortitude of our early church leaders gave evidence of Christ's words to Peter that "the gates of hell would not prevail against it." The Reformation, heresies, good popes, the not-so-good popes, and schisms, are history that we need to be aware of and even proud of. I would share the information with friends and family and the conversations were lively! I am glad for the opportunity to attend this class. Well worth it.

~ Bernadette R.

In the process of completing the Biblical School classes, I have learned much about the Bible and have been impressed with the St. John Vianney Lay Division and especially all of my instructors. However, I realized that the events of the Bible were over 2,000 years ago and I wanted to know how the Church of today was formed. This course was perfect for understanding all of the major events and major figures in Church history. The instructor, R. Jared Staudt, is very knowledgeable and makes the classes come alive. I recommend that all serious Catholics take this course.

~ Mike M.

The program, "Pilgrimage: A Journey Through Church History," was superb, and enjoyable! Dr. Staudt's knowledge of the subject was comprehensive, and his delivery of the lectures was engaging. His interacting with the students sincere and respectful, with time for questions or comments. I have been a lifelong Catholic and learned so much from Dr. Staudt's presentations! I would highly recommend it.

~ Mary S.

I took Dr. Staudt's class on Church History. Dr. Staudt is very knowledgeable on the subject and presents the subject matter in an enjoyable manner. No doubt about it, if a person wants to know detailed facts about the history of the Church, then this is the class to attend. I especially liked Dr. Staudt's encouragement for the students to ask questions; there were no questions unanswered. This class is a MUST for anyone with an interest in Church history.

~ Dave O.

WOW! What a course! WOW! What eloquent and brilliant man that Dr. Staudt! My only regret is that it is over. This class answered so many questions for me. Dr. Staudt was so knowledgeable about our beautiful Church. I went away every Tuesday wanting more. I am only sad that it is over. God bless you all and thank you for making these informative classes available to us. All of this is coming from a graduate of the Biblical School and one who took Apologetics. This was the best one ever.

~ Helen F.

## John Paul II, Roman Triptych

### II. Meditations on the Book of Genesis at the Threshold of the Sistine Chapel

"In him we live and move and have our being", says Paul at the Areopagus in Athens—

Who is He? He is like an ineffable space which embraces all.

He, the Creator, embraces everything, summoning to existence from nothing, not only from the beginning, but always.

Everything endures continually becoming—

"In the beginning was the Word, and through Him all things were made".

The mystery of the beginning is born together with the Word and is revealed through the Word.

The Word—eternal vision and utterance.

He, who was creating, saw—"saw that it was good", his seeing different from ours.

He—the first Beholder—saw, finding in everything some trace of his Being, his own fullness—

He saw: *Omnia nuda et aperta sunt ante oculos Eius*—

Naked, transparent, true, good and beautiful—

He saw in terms so different from ours.

Eternal vision and eternal utterance:

"In the beginning was the Word, and through Him all things were made",

all in which we live and move and have our being—

The Word, the marvellous eternal Word, as an invisible threshold

of all that has come into being, exists or will exist. As if the Word were the threshold.

The threshold of the Word, containing the invisible form of everything, divine and eternal —  
beyond this threshold everything begins to happen!

I stand at the entrance to the Sistine—

Perhaps all this could be said more simply

in the language of the "Book of Genesis".

But the Book awaits the image— And rightly so. It was waiting for its Michelangelo.

The One who created "saw"—saw that "it was good".

"He saw", and so the Book awaited the fruit of "vision".

O all you who see, come—

I am calling you, all "beholders" in every age. I am calling you, Michelangelo!

There is in the Vatican a chapel that awaits the harvest of your vision!

The vision awaited the image. From when the Word became flesh, the vision is waiting.

We are standing at the threshold of the Book.

It is the Book of the origins—Genesis. Here, in this chapel, Michelangelo penned it,  
not with words, but with the richness of piled-up colours.

We enter in order to read it again, going from wonder to wonder.

So then, it is here—we look and recognize the Beginning which emerged out of nothingness,  
obedient to the creative Word.

Here it speaks from these walls.

But still more powerfully the End speaks.

Yes, the judgment is even more outspoken: the judgment, the Final one.

This is the path that all must follow— every one of us.







