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Praise be to the Risen Lord Jesus Christ! I pray that meditating on the lenten readings has been the fertile ground for your receptivity and participation in the overwhelming joy of Easter!

At the beginning of this present liturgical season, I desired to incorporate something different into my spiritual life. The advice from our NDS professors was that if we wanted to draw closer to Christ, then it was absolutely necessary to meditate on a daily basis, the Word of God. That advice stuck with me. So, as Advent approached, I was inspired to weave in Lectio Divina into my daily prayer life. Boy, were our professors correct! What I noticed after a short passage of time was that the meditation on the daily gospel readings would reorient my thoughts when my peaceful and joyful spirit was weakening with the constant flow of negative news. God's Word provided me with much-needed strength. Hope would rise up again, as I would read about how Jesus healed people, how Jesus dealt with conflict, and how Jesus came to tell us the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Recently, the lenten readings have prepared me for this Easter, because the words have come alive, right off the page. Spiritually, I felt in my being how much we, as humanity, were in desperate need of God's saving mercy. And this made me even more grateful for what Jesus did for you and for me. Happy Easter and God love you!

Congratulations
to Dr. Jordan Haddad!



Director of Lay Ministry Programs at Notre Dame Seminary, Dr. Jordan Haddad successfully defended his doctoral dissertation titled "Modern Natural Science in Service to Catholic Theology" on Thursday, March 24, 2022. Dr. Haddad will officially graduate from The Catholic University of America in May with a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology. Congratulations on this major milestone!

ILEM RETREAT 2022



On January 20-22, 2022 our ILEM students, joined by several alumni, gathered at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center in Metairie for a weekend-long retreat. ILEM student Sheri Derbes described the retreat saying, "it is a great community-building event with your cohort. The ILEM Program consists of a very diverse group of Catholics all working together to build a better church and the retreat is a time that

allows us to share ministry ideas, concerns, and solutions that benefit everyone we serve. There's no better way to learn from one another than spending quality time together growing with, and for our church." Fr. Luke Buckles, O.P., served as the retreat master, where he led the group by offering retreat conferences on St. Ignatius' rules for discernment.. "In a world where we are continuously going, it was refreshing to stop and retreat into silent prayer and fellowship with incredible, faith-filled people. I left feeling like I had experienced true leisure. Thank you to Fr. Luke, too, for his great wisdom, stories, and joyful spirit!" said ILEM student, Jordan Posey.

A large, dark wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a dramatic background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. The cross is simple in design, with a slightly thicker vertical beam and a horizontal beam. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

*Wishing you and
your family a joyful
Easter Season!*



NOTRE DAME SEMINARY *2022 Commencement Ceremony*



THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

Congratulations to our
MAPL and MATS Class of 2022!

JOB OPENING at NDS!

Notre Dame Seminary is seeking a full-time administrative assistant to work on behalf of and support the lay ministry programs, which includes the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM), the Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL), and the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) programs. The ideal candidate has experience working in ecclesial settings, has an understanding of parish and school ministry, and is highly organized and able to multitask. This candidate should be able to work well independently, be professional and dependable, be comfortable in an office setting, and be available to work some Saturday and evening hours as needed. He or she will work closely with the Director of Lay Ministry Programs and Lay Formation and collaborate with other Notre Dame Seminary administrative staff to help with all program policies and procedures. All interested applicants are asked to email a cover letter and a résumé (including reference names and contact information) to Jordan Haddad, Ph.D., at jhaddad@nds.edu. The deadline to send in application materials is Friday, April 22nd, at 5:00 pm. For a full job description and to apply, click below!

APPLY!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ENROLLING IN ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS?



We are now accepting applications for our next ILEM and MAPL cohort! If you are a professional or volunteer lay minister serving in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and are interested in receiving a deeper formation in our Catholic faith, email layprograms@nds.edu or call (504) 866-7426 for more information! Deadline to apply is Monday, May 2!



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