



Catholic Distance University

Basic Certificate in Church History Program Objectives

Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Explain the essential and fundamental content of the history of the Church in America.
- Identify and explain the key events, personalities, and struggles that characterized the early development of the Catholic community in North America.
- Summarize the development of Catholicism in the United States during this century of immigration, urbanization, and the Civil War.
- Trace the remarkable development of the Catholic community in America throughout the 20th and early 21st centuries.
- Describe the contributions of the Church in the various periods of history.
- Refute the many misrepresentations and untruths that have been perpetuated about the Inquisition, the Crusades, as well as actions of various Popes and Councils over the centuries.