



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES *for* INCARCERATED STUDENTS

*Catholic Distance University* has served the incarcerated church since 1984 by offering paper-based courses that feed both the spirit and the intellect. A number of CDU's incarcerated students have earned BA and MA degrees in Theology and Advanced Catechist Certificates. Many more have taken inspiring continuing education courses that have deepened their relationship with God and provided a new sense of purpose.

Many of CDU's incarcerated students have used their education to evangelize fellow inmates, spreading the Word of God and knowledge of His great love to those imprisoned in an environment mired in hopelessness and despair.

CDU's courses have helped inmates to become chaplains' assistants who evangelize and minister to their fellow inmates when priests and chaplains are unavailable. In addition, many chaplains are not Catholic.

CDU offers a number of paper-based educational programs to incarcerated students. With opportunities ranging from continuing education to graduate-level study, there is an appropriate program or course for every inmate.



*"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways."*

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

### ***Non-credit Continuing Education Courses***

CDU offers four non-credit continuing education courses in paper format. The only prerequisite is a letter of recommendation from the inmate's priest or chaplain stating his or her ability to read and write at a high school level and a brief written statement from the inmate about how he or she plans to use the education to grow in faith.

### ***Courses offered:***

THEO N060  
The Ten Commandments, Part A  
THEO N061  
The Ten Commandments, Part B  
RELED N024 Christian Prayer  
RELED N021 Profession of Faith

*Tuition:* Just \$10 per course! (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* is included with the first course)



*“Showing mercy to those who have strayed can be life changing. Mercy overcomes every wall, every obstacle, and can instill new life and hope in others.”*

POPE FRANCIS

### ***Advanced Catechist Certificate***

Learn to explain and communicate the content of Catholic Doctrine in a systematic way: profession of faith, liturgy and sacrament, moral teachings, and the nature of prayer for communication with God and others. Students must complete 11 non-credit continuing education courses.

***Tuition:*** \$10 per course

(textbooks must be purchased separately)

### ***Bachelor of Arts in Theology***

(undergraduate degree completion program)

Students who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree but have earned a minimum of 81 undergraduate credits, including general education credits, can complete their degree through this program, which is designed to expand one's knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Upon successfully earning 39 credits in theology at CDU, students receive a BA in Theology degree.

***Tuition:*** \$305 per credit hour

(textbooks must be purchased separately)

### ***Master of Arts in Theology***

Students who have earned an undergraduate degree can pursue CDU's 36-credit graduate degree, which provides serious study of theology, philosophy, spirituality, Scripture, and Church history.

***Tuition:*** \$450 per credit hour

(textbooks must be purchased separately)

## ***Taking Courses at CDU***

All courses are offered in paper format, and only one course may be taken at a time. To request an enrollment form, write to Marguerite, Prison Ministry Program, CDU, 115 W. Congress St., Charles Town, WV 25414; [btrainor@cdu.edu](mailto:btrainor@cdu.edu).

After students submit an enrollment form, all required materials, and tuition payment, CDU will mail a folder containing course materials, directions, assignments, self quizzes and tests to the incarcerated student. Return envelopes for mailing tests and assignments to CDU for grading are provided for your convenience.

If tuition payment is a problem, we encourage incarcerated students and their chaplains to ask a relative, friend, church, or organization to help sponsor the cost.

## ***Donate to Our Prison Ministry Scholarship Fund***

As Catholics, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy challenge each and every one of us to minister to the incarcerated Church. Your donation, no matter how small, can bring hope to an inmate who longs for the mercy and grace of God's love. To donate to CDU's Prison Ministry Scholarship Fund, send a check payable to Catholic Distance University to: Director of Institutional Advancement, CDU, 115 W. Congress St., Charles Town, WV 25414.

Or donate online at [camsportal.cdu.edu/donate](http://camsportal.cdu.edu/donate).

### ***For more information, contact:***

Marguerite, 304-742-5000, ext. 719  
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*“CDU courses are a marvelous resource that provides me with the knowledge needed to serve the Lord to the best of my ability.”*

—PIERRE O.