



ST. AUGUSTINE'S  
SEMINARY

# INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY



*Theological education  
for the laity from the mind  
and heart of the Church*



# WHY STUDY THEOLOGY?

Studying theology immerses us in the most important questions of life – Who is God and how do we come to know Him? Who is the human person, made in His image? How do we live well, suffer well, make good choices? How do we shape a just world? What is prayer and how do we grow in it? The questions of theology form us and draw us closer to God in wonder and love. This is a beautiful gift.

Moreover, in a world with many hurting people, families, and communities, studying theology forms us in the depth of pastoral charity, skill, and wisdom of the Catholic vision of life.



*“We need lay Catholics well formed in mind, heart, and pastoral skill; lay Catholics who can respond wisely and with hope to the cultural, intellectual, and pastoral challenges of our time.”*

*Fr. Kevin Belgrave,  
Director, Institute of Theology*

# WHY STUDY AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY?

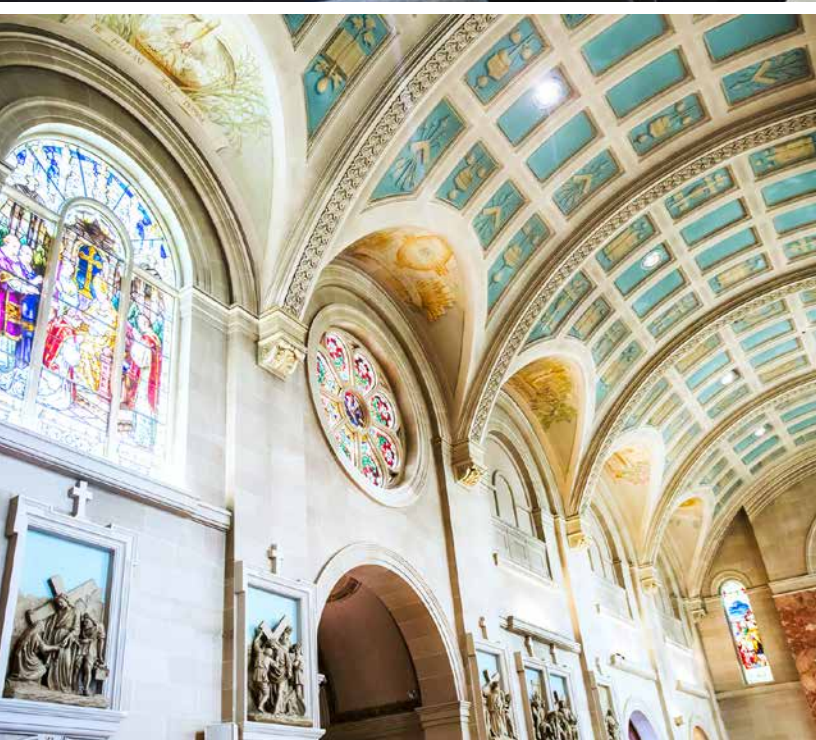
From its very beginnings in 1913, the mission of St. Augustine's Seminary has focused on discipleship: priests well formed in the Church's mind, teachings, history, and heart; forming ministers whose life would be a bridge for others in finding God. It is with this same heart that the Institute of Theology was established in 1988 to include theological education for the laity.

Whether you are involved in parish ministry, Catholic education, any of the wide range of Catholic charities and social services, or just drawn to dive more deeply into your faith, St. Augustine's Seminary has something for you. From day-long workshops to certificates, diplomas and full master's degrees in theology, the St. Augustine's Seminary Institute of Theology offers a wide range of programs and flexible course formats.

Many of our students value the opportunity to learn alongside both our future priests and other lay Catholics who often work in similar ministries (e.g. fellow Catholic teachers, parish ministers, etc.) The friendships that emerge here promote the kind of authentic collaboration that our Church needs today.







# INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

St. Augustine's Seminary offers the following degree, diploma, and certificate programs:



## M.T.S. and M.R.E.

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) and Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) are offered conjointly with the University of Toronto. Each of these 20-course master's degrees offers a foundational introduction to the core areas of Catholic theology. From this core, M.R.E. students move toward a greater specialization in the Catholic meaning and practice of education, culminating in a supervised practicum project. M.T.S. students choose a focus from a range of areas in theology, culminating in a comprehensive capstone research project.

The M.T.S. and M.R.E. can be completed either full-time (2 years) or part-time (up to 8 years). Up to half of the courses in each degree can be completed online. Certified teachers may

receive up to four course reductions in the M.R.E. and other M.R.E. students working in qualified catechetical or religious education ministries may also receive a course reduction.

## C.T.S.

The 7-course Certificate in Theological Studies (C.T.S.), offered conjointly with the University of Toronto, gives students an introduction to the essential theological subjects. Perfect for students who need a shorter program that doesn't sacrifice the core theological courses.

## D.T.S. and D.L.M.

The 10-course Diploma in Theological Studies (D.T.S.) and Diploma in Lay Ministry (D.L.M.), similar to the C.T.S., offer students a more compact introduction to theology. Students in the D.T.S. have the possibility of completing the program fully online. D.L.M. students can complete all but the capstone course in lay ministry online.

St. Augustine's Seminary is a founding member of the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical consortium of theological colleges affiliated with the University of Toronto. Our Institute of Theology programs offer flexible course formats, with classes offered weekdays, evenings, Saturdays, online, and in the summer – at both our downtown and Scarborough campuses.

**For more information visit:**  
[www.staugustines.on.ca/institute-of-theology](http://www.staugustines.on.ca/institute-of-theology)

# LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

Complementing our academic programs, St. Augustine's Seminary offers for its lay students and the broader public a series of workshops and retreats throughout the year that reflect, from a lay perspective, the four foundational dimensions of seminary formation – spiritual, intellectual, human, and pastoral.

**For more information visit:**  
[www.staugustines.on.ca/lay-spiritual-formation](http://www.staugustines.on.ca/lay-spiritual-formation)



"As a Youth Minister, one of the challenges in my work is to present the Catholic faith to young people in a way that is orthodox, digestible and relevant. The formation I received at St. Augustine's has equipped me to be a better teacher, leader, evangelist, role model and friend, but most importantly, a closer disciple of Jesus."

*Hilton Chiu,  
M.T.S. Graduate*



"The professors and program at St. Augustine's have imparted a theological foundation that has been invaluable for my personal relationship with Christ, my pedagogy, forming a pastoral connection to students, and fostering friendships with like-minded Catholic educators."

*Brenelle D'Souza,  
M.R.E. Graduate*



"I chose St. Augustine's because I knew that the academic formation would be excellent, but also that it would translate into an ability to better communicate the truths of our Faith. I was not interested in scholarship that did not have holiness and heaven as its end. Learning under men and women who embodied what they teach was a gift that cannot be understated."

*Erin Kinsella,  
M.T.S. Graduate*



*“You have made us for  
Yourself, O Lord, and our  
hearts are restless until  
they rest in You.”*

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