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# THE CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

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## News Release

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### Gospel of St. John and Canon Law among courses for CDU January session

The Catholic Distance University (CDU) is offering several new courses for the upcoming January 2009 trimester. These courses are 14-weeks beginning January 12 running through April 6, with students earning academic credit. CDU's courses provide authentic Catholic teachings in a flexible online learning format. Participants log into a seminar course room at a time that best meets their schedule. Opportunity for group discussion and interaction with other adults and course instructor is designed into the format.

The January session offers over 20 online graduate and undergraduate courses and seven online seminars for graduate, undergraduate, and non-credit. "CDU's programs are learner-centered and designed to meet the varying needs of Catholic adults at every stage of their faith formation journey," explained Marianne Mount, president of The Catholic Distance University. "Our distance learning format allows us to reach individuals all over the world with a variety of topics and levels to meet every need."

**The Gospel of St. John**, a new CDU graduate level course, is designed to help students gain a familiarity with the biblical text of the Fourth Gospel by examining its primary theological and literary characteristics. Dr. Susan Mathews, full-time professor for the Theology/Religious Studies at the University of Scranton, is the course author and instructor.

Also offered during the January session is the graduate level course **Introduction to Canon Law**. This course discusses canon law within the context of the Church's daily ministry and will help adults understand not only the basics of canon law but also how to apply it within their personal lives and work for the Church. Peter Vere is course author and instructor.



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“CDU has something for everyone hungry to discover more about the love of God in their lives,” said Mount. “You do not need to be seeking a degree to benefit from CDU courses and programs. A visit to our web site will show you the wide variety of inspiring courses and programs from three-week seminars to full semester courses.”

CDU was established in 1983 under the leadership of Bishop Thomas Welsh, founding Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington. The mission of CDU is to ‘teach all nations,’ handing on the teachings of the Church through the techniques and technologies of modern distance education. CDU offers accredited online MA and BA degrees in theology, the Catechetical Diploma, Advanced Catechist Certificate, and a variety of continuing education opportunities in theology and faith formation. Through technology, adult learners from 50 states and over 40 countries form a vibrant online learning community that truly reflects the universality of the Church.

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