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## CDU offers online seminar on Pope's new encyclical

The Catholic Distance University (CDU) will offer an online seminar that explores Pope Benedict's new encyclical, "*In Hope We Are Saved*." The three-week seminar, entitled ***In Hope We Are Saved: Reflecting on Pope Benedict's Encyclical & Thought*** will run January 28 – February 18 with Father Bevil Bramwell, OMI, PhD, CDU's resident theologian, course author and instructor.

*Spe Salvi* or *In Hope We Are Saved* is the latest encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI. In this CDU seminar, participants will analyze the character of Christian hope and how it addresses the issues of the "Me" generation, as well as ways of learning and practicing the Hope that alone contributes to a full human life.

**The True Story of the Crusades**, with Dr. Matthew Bunson, senior fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is available online January 21 – February 11. This seminar provides a survey of the famed Crusading era as it focuses on the causes and conduct of the major Crusades and their impact on the Church and the world.

CDU's online seminars provide solid, authentic Catholic teachings in a flexible learning format. Available 24/7, 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 the seminar instructor is designed into the course format. An internet connection is the only "equipment" needed to participate in a CDU seminar. As the online partner with the Diocese of Arlington for catechist formation, these seminars can be taken to earn certification.

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