

Synodality: A Gift to the Church

Application Form



明愛專上學院
高等及專業教育中心
Caritas Institute of Higher Education
Centre for Advanced and Professional Studies

Religious and Life Education Programme: Synodality: A Gift to the Church



Name in English (Same as ID card)			
Name in Chinese			
Mobile No.		Telephone No. (Home)	
Gender	Male ☐ Female ☐	HKID Card No. (First 4 digits)	
E-mail Address			
Religious			
Correspondence address			
Education			
Occupation			
Payment Method	☐ Cheque : _____ ☐ EPS : _____		

Application Details

Completed application form, together with tuition fees, should be submitted

1. by post to Centre for Advanced and Professional Studies, Rm 202, 2 Chui Ling Lane, Tseung Kwan O, N.T. ; OR
2. in person to CAPS office.

Tuition fees can be paid by cheque or EPS. Payment by cheque must be made payable to "Caritas Institute of Higher Education" with the name and contact number of the applicant, and the programme title written at the back of the cheque.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Enquiry & Application:

Venue: Caritas Institute of Higher Education,
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Objectives:

This course aims at presenting Synodality in its various dimensions as a gift to the Church in our days so that this gift can be fruitful in many ways: 1. in strengthening the communion of the local and universal Church; 2. in helping individual Christians to grow in their spiritual lives; 3. in promoting the New Evangelization. The course will thus be a place to study and assimilate Pope Francis’ teaching on the subject and to analyze the influences on it and its place in the history of theology.

The contents of this course have a special relevance in light of the Synod that will be taking place in Rome at the same time, and will provide the tools necessary to understand and evaluate the proceedings of the Synod.

Course Outline:

- Understand synodality and its importance as a gift to the Church.
- Know and value Pope Francis’ teaching on synodality.
- Critically engage different positions regarding synodality.
- Participate proactively in the synodal dimension of the Church, on a personal and communal level.

Target participants:

- Mature Christian church members, including Catholics and Protestant, who already believe but now want to understand better what and why they believe.

Admission requirements:

- 18 year old or above
- Interested Christians with appropriate English proficiency standard
- Completed secondary level education or equivalent

Award:

- Attendance certificate will be issued to students with at least 75% of course attendance

Duration: 4 lectures (Total 10 hours)

Date and Time: 3, 7, 10 & 14 October 2023 (Tue 7:00-9:30p.m. & Sat 10:00-12:30p.m.)

Medium of Instruction: English

Fees: HK\$ 1,300.00



Instructor:

Fr. László Erffa, LC



Fr. László was born in Germany and is currently based in Rome, Italy. He is a religious member of the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ and was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in 2020.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and a licentiate degree in theology (both from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, Italy), and a master’s degree in psychology (from Divine Mercy University in Sterling, Virginia, USA). He is currently pursuing a PhD in dogmatic theology at the Kölner Hochschule für Katholische Theologie in Cologne, Germany. His three main areas of research are the interplay between evangelization and culture, the reception of the theology of Joseph Ratzinger, and the concept of sacramentality studied from an interdisciplinary perspective combining theology and psychology.

Points to Note

1. Applicants must be Hong Kong residents. The HK identity document(s) should be presented during application. No age limit is set for each module except stated otherwise, but applicants should fulfill the academic or professional requirements.
2. Please return the completed application form, in person or by post, to the Centre for Advanced and Professional Studies (CAPS) together with photocopies of your identity card, academic credentials and information relevant to your application.
3. The application deadline usually 2 weeks before commencement of each module/ programme. Admission is on first-come-first-served basis.
4. The Institute reserves the right to decide whether an applicant is admitted or not, and holds the final decision to cancel a module/ programme in case of insufficient registration. If a module/ programme is cancelled by the Institute due to any reason, tuition fees paid will be refunded by crossed cheque.
5. Tuition fees paid will not be refunded in all cases unless the module/ programme is cancelled by the Institute. Upon registration, no change of class, transfer of fee or fees refund would be allowed.
6. Tuition fees can be paid by “EPS” or cheque. Please make the cheque payable to “Caritas Institute of Higher Education” and mark clear the applicant’s name, course name and contact number at the back of the cheque. All receipts of tuition fee should be kept carefully. No replacement of receipt would be provided.
7. All classes take place as scheduled unless typhoon signal no.8 or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted, or class cancellation is announced by the Education Bureau. Students have the responsibility to pay attention to announcements on the media during unstable weather.
8. The Institute will issue certificates of attendance or completion only to students who have attained 75% or above of the attendance.
9. The Institute reserves the right to alter class arrangements in case of special event or absence of tutors.
10. Unless with permission from the Institute, no recording activity is allowed in class. No sales or promotion activity is allowed unless authorised by “Caritas-Hong Kong”.
11. Information supplied by applicants will be kept in strict confidence. Applicants may check or amend their personal information on the application form if necessary. In the event that applicants fail to provide adequate information, the Institute may not be able to process their applications or offer any service.
12. For any enquiry, please contact us by phone at 3653 6700.