

PROSPECTUS

B.Th. & D.Th. COURSES



ST. JOHN'S REGIONAL SEMINARY

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History and Vision of St. John's

Named after St. John, apostle and evangelist, St. John's Regional Seminary is situated at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad, the meeting point of north and south Indian cultures. The Seminary at Hyderabad was opened on 27th January, 1965 by the late Cardinal Valerian Gracias and was blessed by his Excellency Msgr. Robert Knox, the then Apostolic Nuncio.

Origins : The real beginnings, however, of St. John's as a major Seminary go back to the year 1926, when St. Joseph's Seminary, which was started at Chingleput in 1857 and later shifted to Kilacheri in 1860, took care of formation of the priests for the Telugu speaking areas of the Archdiocese of Madras. In 1883, St. Joseph's Seminary was moved to Nellore, where Mill Hill Missionaries were working in the Telugu speaking parishes. Unfortunately, in 1897, for some unknown reasons St. Joseph's Seminary was closed down. After a lapse of nearly 30 years, the major Seminary under the name of St. John was opened at Nellore in the year 1926 with Fr. William Bouter, a Mill Hill Missionary as the first Rector. Fr. William Bouter soon became the first Bishop of Nellore in 1928 and under his paternal care, St. John's gradually developed. What was started as a small Diocesan Major Seminary emerged slowly into a big institution and by 1960 students from all the dioceses of Andhra region were receiving priestly formation.

Blooming : In 1960, the Andhra Pradesh Bishops' Council decided to shift St. John's to a new location and Hyderabad, the capital of then State of Andhra Pradesh, was chosen. The Seminary was officially raised to the status of a Regional Major Seminary in May 1964 after being approved by the Sacred

Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. Thanks to the keen interest of Archbishop Mark Gopu of Hyderabad, the buildings and other facilities were ready by October 1964 and the opening ceremony took place in January, 1965. In the year, 2015, the Theologate was affiliated to Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome, N.857/2015. The students who complete their four year theology successfully are eligible for a B.Th. degree conferred on them by the Urbaniana University. All the Bishops of Andhra Pradesh who are the members of the Regional Bishops Council, are directly in-charge of the Seminary. Being a Regional Seminary, St. John's caters to all the twelve dioceses in Andhra Pradesh. Some students belonging to Religious Congregations working in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and some other dioceses on their borders also study here

Courses for the Consecrated Persons and Laity : Keeping in mind the need and the request of the Catholics, in the meeting of the Telugu Catholic Bishops' Council (TCBC) held on March 8, 2017, the TCBC has decided to offer Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) and Diploma in Theology (D.Th.) courses for the Consecrated persons and Laity in the seminary. The main objective for offering these programmes is not only to impart Biblical and theological knowledge but also to integrate the Consecrated (Religious) persons and the Laity into main stream of the mission of the Church. It is a historic decision by the TCBC, which opens the doors of academic aspect of seminary to the Laity and the Consecrated persons. The candidates who fulfill the requirements of the Pontifical Urbanian University are entitled for B.Th. Degree. The candidates who successfully complete the requirements of the Diploma course are awarded D.Th. Certificate by the Seminary.

"To the Glory of God"



GOVERNING BOARD OF BISHOPS

Chairman	: Most Rev. Thumma Bala, D.D. Archbishop of Hyderabad
Episcopal Delegate	: Most Rev. Udumala Bala, D.D. Bishop of Warangal
Members	: Most Rev. Prakash Mallavarapu, D.D. Archbishop of Visakhapatnam
	Most Rev. Addagatla Innayya, D.D. Bishop of Srikakulam
	Most Rev. Govindu Joji, D.D. Bishop of Nalgonda
	Most Rev. Mypan Paul, D.D. Bishop of Khammam
	Most Rev. Moses D. Prakasam, D.D. Bishop of Nellore
	Most Rev. Gallela Prasad, D.D. Bishop of Cuddapah
	Most Rev. Poola Anthony, D.D. Bishop of Kurnool
	Most Rev. Polimera Jaya Rao, D.D. Bishop of Eluru
	Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, D.D. Bishop of Vijayawada
	Most Rev. Chinnabathini Bhagyaiah, D.D. Bishop of Guntur

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

St. John's Regional seminary which is affiliated to the faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome, is offering from 2017-18 Courses in Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) and Diploma in Theology (D.Th.). The academic curriculum is comprehensive and contemporary, relevant to the needs of the Church. The programme of studies includes wide range of courses in the theology programme. The students who complete the four year Theology course in the Seminary are entitled for Bachelor of Theology Degree from the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome and the Diploma in Theology certificate from the Seminary.

Application and Admission

- ◆ Application form is issued in the seminary or can be downloaded from the seminary website: stjohnseminaryhyd.org.
- ◆ The last date for submitting duly filled in application form by registered post is May 15, 2017.
- ◆ On receipt of the application for admission to the B.Th. & D.Th. programme, along with the required documents, the seminary will send you an acknowledgement via email.
- ◆ Registration fee: Rs. 300/- payable by Demand draft / crossed cheque in favour of "St. John's Regional Seminary Society" Hyderabad.
- ◆ Admission of the candidates satisfying the requirements will be made known by email
- ◆ Incomplete applications without the required documents will be rejected.
- ◆ Last date for confirming your admission will be June 5th, 2017.

- ◆ B.Th. and D.Th. students are day scholars and will have classes along with the seminarians. Classes will be in the morning session from 9.00 a.m. to 12.25 a.m.
- ◆ Candidates need to make their arrangements for accommodation. Diocesan and Congregation seminarians for priestly formation will be provided accommodation.

1. Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.)

1.1. Admission requirements

i. Students seeking admission into theology at St. John's should have successfully completed a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Philosophy with at least 50% marks from any recognized university or Religious Institute recognized by the Catholic Church.

OR

Students seeking admission into theology at St. John's should have successfully completed three years of course work in Christian Philosophy with at least 50% marks in any Seminary or Religious Institute recognized by the Catholic Church and any Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or Institute.

1.2. Admission documents

- i. An application form duly filled in by the applicant.
- ii. Photostat copies of certificate of graduation and other certificates and transcripts of marks of Philosophical Studies (as specified above).
- iii. Three passport size photos of the student taken recently
- iv. Recommendation letter from the Bishop/Superior

1.3. Attendance and Course Work

1.3.1 The academic year is divided into two semesters totaling approximately 30 weeks. One class hour a week for one semester earns one academic credit. A student attends approximately 40 credit hours in a year. Punctual and regular

attendance at classes is the required norm. Students are expected to complete all the courses in the four years of Theology program.

1.3.2. Absence from the class should be reported to the Dean of Studies. The student who is absent for any course for more than one-third of the days, will repeat the course.

1.3.3. In addition to the mandatory courses, each student should select one from among many seminars offered every year. They should complete three seminars, one per year, before their promotion to Theology IV.

1.3.4. Normally, students are not encouraged to transfer credits that they earned in other Institutes of Theology to St. John's. Exceptionally, when a student transfers credits, the Dean of Studies in consultation with the Staff council will determine which courses are acceptable for transfer.

1.3.5. To promote greater attention to the theological subjects students are not permitted to begin or continue their education in any other university or institute (even by correspondence course or distance education) during the period of their stay in the seminary.

1.4. Regulations governing examinations, assignments and assessments

1.4.1. Examination and Assessment

1.4.2. Students should write assignments/papers as per the direction of the professors. The courses that are taught for two or more credits require assignments/papers from the students. The assignments/papers should be the result of the reflection, research, comprehension and conviction that the students reach while the courses are being taught.

1.4.3. An examination / assessment is conducted at the end of each semester for every subject that is taught. Examinations can either be oral or written or both. The method of examination is left to the discretion of the professor.

1.4.4. The duration for the oral examination per individual will be about 15 minutes and the duration for the written examination will be about two hours or more for subjects that carry two or more credits.

1.4.5. For some grave reason a student may seek an exemption from the examination schedule from the Dean of Studies. The Dean of Studies, after consulting the professor concerned, may permit a student to postpone or anticipate the examination.

1.4.6. Term papers, projects, book reviews, class participation and class work should not exceed 40% of the total assessment.

1.4.7. The minimum marks required for passing is 60% for all subjects.

1.4.8. Marks are awarded as per the grading system as that of the Pontifical Urbanian University : Maximum marks: 100

60-69 : Third Class (Probatus)

70-79 : Second Class (Bene Probatus)

80-89 : First Class (Cum Laude Probatus)

90-95 : Distinction (Magna Cum Laude Probatus)

96-100: High Distinction (Summa Cum Laude Probatus)

1.5. Failures and Repetitions

1.5.1. Students who fail in the examinations are obliged to repeat the examinations at the beginning of the following semester. Students who fail in the second attempt will be warned by the Dean of Studies and will be permitted by him for the third attempt.

1.5.2. Students who fail in three subjects (even after two attempts) will be asked to repeat the year.

1.5.3. Students who fail continuously and make repeated attempts to pass will be advised to discontinue the theological studies in this seminary.

1.5.4. The seminary records will reflect the number of attempts

and the marks the student gets in each attempt. The transcript of marks issued by the seminary will present the mark of the final attempt without awarding the Class/grade (3.1.7).

1.6. Research Paper

1.6.1. The students of Theology III should write a research paper that should be scientific and scholarly. The research should characterize one's theological and scientific thinking and systematic presentation. The research paper may not exceed 30/40 pages. The paper will be evaluated for 100 marks and the minimum marks required for passing is 60%.

1.6.2. They can choose any theological topic and get it approved by the professor specialized in that area whom they choose for this research paper. The themes can be interdisciplinary and should have theological, spiritual and pastoral relevance for the Church. Topics that have been chosen in previous years should not be repeated. A list of topics chosen in the previous years is available with the Dean of Studies.

1.6.3. After choosing a director for the research paper, students should consult the director and follow his instructions at important stages such as choosing the topic, bibliography, preparation of an outline, writing a draft, submitting the draft for correction and submitting the final copy.

1.6.4. This research paper must be proposed, written and submitted as per the schedule prescribed in the Handbook and Calendar of the seminary. Explicit written permission is necessary from the Dean of Studies for any delay perceived in submission of the research paper.

1.6.5. The evaluation of the research paper must be handed over to the office of the Dean of Studies by January 31st every year.

1.6.6. In case the guide does not accept the research paper for the evaluation, the Dean of Studies may go through the paper

and give a final evaluation. If the paper is found not acceptable, the student is asked to revise and submit the paper within two months.

1.7. B.Th. Examinations

1.7.1. Eligibility for B.Th. Degree Certificate: All the students who secure an average of 80% of marks at the completion of their III Year Theology are eligible for B.Th. degree conferred by Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome. The students are requested to register their names by paying the exam fee at the University through the Institute at the beginning of the IV year of Theology. However, only those who successfully complete the Theology course and register their names at the University are eligible for the B.Th. degree certificate.

1.7.2. The Examinations: The B.Th. Degree examination consists of oral and written comprehensive examinations. They are conducted, based on the questions sent by the PUU, at the end of the IV year Theology. The comprehensive exams are held for the basic subjects: Sacred Scripture, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology and Canon Law. Only those students who have fulfilled all the requirements of the institute are eligible for the comprehensive exams. The written examination is of four and half hours duration on a theme chosen by lots from the given theses sheet as prescribed by the Urbaniana University in Rome. The oral examination is of 45 minutes duration by a board of three professors. Those who fail in the B.Th. examination may reappear in the following year with the permission of the Rector and the Dean of Studies.

1.8. Academic Integrity:

1.8.1. St. John's Regional Major Seminary, as a religious institute of theological and spiritual formation, presupposes a commitment to the Christian value of honesty. Therefore,

plagiarism, cheating and copying will result in the immediate dismissal of the student from the seminary.

1.9. Lectures

Lectures will be in the morning session i.e. from 9.00 a.m. to 12.25 p.m. on all working days. Thursdays and Sundays have no classes.

09.00 - 09.45 a.m. 1st hour

09.50 - 10.35 a.m. 2nd hour

10.35 - 10.50 a.m. Interval

10.50 - 11.35 a.m. 3rd hour

11.40 - 12.25 p.m. 4th hour

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**THE LIST OF THE COURSES
AND CREDITS FOR B.Th.**

SCRIPTURE	Credits		Total
	L	P	
1. Introduction to Bible	1	1	2
2. Pentateuch	2	1	3
3. Historical Books	1	1	2
4. Psalms	2	1	3
5. Wisdom Literature	2	1	3
6. Prophets I	2	1	3
7. Prophets II	2	1	3
8. Apocalyptic Literature	2	1	3
9. Biblical Hermeneutics	1	1	2
10. Synoptics I	3	2	5
11. Synoptics II	2	1	3
12. St. John	3	2	5
13. Passion Narratives	2	1	3
14. Acts of the Apostles	1	1	2
15. St. Paul I	3	2	5
16. St. Paul II	2	1	3
17. Catholic Epistles	1	1	2
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY			
1. Introduction to Theology	1	1	2
2. Theology of Revelation and Faith	3	2	5
3. Christ of Faith	2	1	3
4. Christology	2	1	3
5. Pneumatology	2	1	3

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY	Credits		Total
	L	P	
6. Blessed Trinity	3	2	5
7. Theological Anthropology	2	1	3
8. Theology of Eucharist	2	1	3
9. Priesthood	3	2	5
10. Eschatology	2	1	3
11. Mariology	1	1	2
12. Ecumenism	1	1	2
13. Sacraments of Initiation	1	1	2
14. Ecclesiology	2	1	3
15. General Sacramental Theology	2	1	3
16. Sacrament of Reconciliation	1	1	2
17. Theology of Liberation	2	1	3
18. Theology of Evangelization	2	1	3
19. Theology of Religions & Dialogue	2	1	3
MORAL THEOLOGY			
1. Fundamental Moral theology	2	1	3
2. Virtues and Worship	2	1	3
3. Sexual Ethics	2	1	3
4. Bio-Medical Ethics	2	1	3
5. Social Teachings of the Church	2	1	3
SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY			
1. Introduction to Spirituality	1	1	2
2. Theology of Prayer	1	1	2
3. History of Christian Spirituality	2	1	3
4. Theology of Spiritual Direction	1	1	2
5. Pastoral Theology	2	1	3
6. Catechetics	2	1	3
7. Homiletics	4	2	6

SACRED LITURGY	Credits		Total
	L	P	
1. Introduction to Liturgy	1	1	2
2. Liturgy of Eucharist	3	2	5
3. Liturgy of Hours	2	1	3
4. Liturgical Year	2	1	3
5. Liturgy of the Sacraments	1	1	2
CANON LAW			
1. General Norms	2	1	3
2. Teaching & Sanctifying Office	2	1	3
3. Marriage Laws	2	1	3
4. People of God	2	1	3
PATROLOGY & CHURCH HISTORY			
1. Patrology	2	1	3
2. Church in Antiquity	2	1	3
3. Church in Middle Ages	2	1	3
4. Modern and Contemporary period	2	1	3
5. Indian Church History	3	2	5
SEMINARS			
1. Seminars	8	4	12
DISSERTATIONS			
1. Scientific Methodology	1	1	2
SCIENTIFIC PAPER			
	2	4	6
LANGUAGES			
1. Biblical Hebrew	1	1	2
2. Biblical Greek	1	1	2
3. Ecclesiastical Latin	1	1	2

PASTORAL COURSES	Credits		Total
	L	P	
1. Ad Audiendas	1	1	2
2. Matrimonial Nullity Process	1	1	2
3. Youth Ministry	1	1	2
4. Liturgical Singing	4	2	6
5. Personality Development	3	2	5
6. Family Apostolate	1	1	2
7. Parish Administration	1	1	2
8. Lay Ministry	1	1	2
9. Pastoral Counselling	1	1	2
10. Pastoral plan of India	1	1	2
11. Communications & Media	2	1	3
12. Ministry of Sick & Aged	2	1	3
13. Civil Law in General	1	1	2
14. Accountancy	1	1	2
15. Pastoral Ministry	3	2	5
YEALY REQUIREMENTS			
1. Pastoral Communication	6	3	9
2. Comprehensive Examination	8	4	12
3. Extension Lectures	4	2	6
OPTIONAL COURSES			
1. Introduction to Karnatic Music	3	2	5

2. Diploma in Theology(D.Th.)

The diploma course is intended to deepen the knowledge of the Consecrated persons and the Laity with regard to the Bible and the Church teaching, and integrate them into the Church.

2.1. Admission Requirements

- a) Bachelor's Degree in secular studies from a recognized university
- b) Communication skills in English
- c) Practicing Catholics
- d) Recommendation letter from the Parish Priest
- e) No age limit

2.2. Duration of the course: 9 months(June to March)

2.3. Conditions to obtain a Diploma

- a) completion of 40 credits as per the programme of studies (20 credits for each semester)
- b) 80% attendance
- c) 50% marks in each subject

2.4. The medium of instruction will be in English.

2.5. The learning of Biblical languages and writing a scientific paper is not required.

2.6. The Diploma students will have classes along with the seminarians. The classes will be from 9.00 a.m to 12.25 p.m.

2.7. The candidate should have fair and emotional maturity with good behavior.

2.8. The D.Th. Diploma certificate would be issued by the Seminary.

2.9. Lectures

Lectures will be in the morning session i.e. from 9.00 a.m. to 12.25 p.m. on all working days. Thursdays and Sundays have no classes.

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- 09.50 - 10.35 a.m. 2nd hour
- 10.35 - 10.50 a.m. Interval
- 10.50 - 11.35 a.m. 3rd hour
- 11.40 - 12.25 p.m. 4th hour

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SCRIPTURE	Credits
1. Introduction to Bible	1
2. Pentateuch	2
3. Historical Books	2
4. Psalms	2
5. Wisdom Literature	2
6. Prophets I	2
7. Prophets II	2
8. St. John	3
9. St. Paul I	2
10. St. Paul II	2
11. Acts of the Apostles	1
12. Passion Narratives	2
13. Interpretation of the Bible	1
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY	
14. Introduction to Theology	1
15. Revelation and Faith	3
16. Christology	2
17. Theology of Eucharist	2
18. Sacrament of Initiation	1
19. Sacrament of Reconciliation	1
20. Evangelization & Missiology	2
MORAL THEOLOGY	
21. Fundamental Moral Theology	2
22. Virtues and Worship	2
23. Social Teachings of the Church	2

CANON LAW	
24. Marriage Laws	2
LITURGY	
25. Fundamentals of Liturgy	1
CHURCH HISTORY	
26. History of Church in India and in Telugu Region	3
SPIRITUALITY	
27. History of Spirituality	1
28. Theology of Prayer	1

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Faculty Members

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1. **Rev. Fr. Kolakani Marianna** : Rector
D.O.L., M.A., M.Ed., LL.B., J.C.D. Canon Law
Diocese of Vijayawada
2. **Rev. Fr. Ambati Arla, M.A.** : Bursar
Diocese of Nalgonda
3. **Rev. Fr. Mandagiri Jose Babu** : Church History
S.T.L. Dean of Studies
Diocese of Nellore
4. **Rev. Fr. Pasala Solomon** : Sacred Scripture
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Diocese of Nalgonda
5. **Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Marreddy** : Moral Theology
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6. **Rev. Fr. Nandipamu Jojappa** : Sacred Liturgy
M.Th.
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7. **Rev. Fr. Pasupuleti Francis** : Spiritual Theology
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8. **Rev. Fr. Selvakumar Aloysius** : Sacred Scripture
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10. **Rev. Fr. Dasi Suresh Kumar** : Sacred Scripture
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11. **Rev. Fr. Lancelot Menezes** : Confessor
Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

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1. Fr. S. Prakash,
M.A.,P.G.D.J.,D.Th. : Scripture
2. Fr. P. Raja Reddy, L.S.S. : Scripture
3. Fr. Thomas Stephen,
B.A.,M.Th., M.A., Ph.D. : Dogmatic Theology
4. Fr. R. Papaiah,
M.A.,M.Ed.,S.T.L.Ph.D. : Systematic Theology
5. Fr. K. Anthaiah, M.Th., S.T.D.: Systematic Theology
6. Most Rev. Udumala Bala, D.Th.: Moral Theology
7. Fr. Anand Prasad, M.S.F.S. : Pastoral Theology
8. Fr. V. Amalanathan, S.J. : Introduction to Spirituality
9. Fr. D. Raja, S.T.D. : Spiritual Direction
10. Fr. Alex Jayaraj, S.D.B. : Catechetics
11. Fr. S. Bernard, D.C.L. : Canon Law
12. Fr. Justin.D. James, S.A.C. : Homiletics
13. Fr. Syril Doss, S.V.D. : Homiletics
14. Fr. Jossy Kuriapilly, O.C.D. : Patrology
15. Sr. Severine Menezes, S.A.P. : Psycho-spiritual Development
16. Fr. M. Kulandai Raj, S.J. : Pastoral Counselling
17. Fr. David Francis, B.Sc.,D.Th.: Pastoral Ministry
18. Fr. U. Balashoury, M.F.A. : Communications & Mass Media
19. Fr. A.E. Alex, B.A.,LL.B. : Civil Law
20. Dr. V. Anjaneyulu, Ph.D. : Telugu
21. Mr. Chennubotlu, C.A. : Accountancy
22. Mrs. K. Sarada : Karnatic Music



GIST OF ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018

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| June 16 Fri | : | Inaugural Mass of the New Academic Year |
| 17 Sat | : | Semester I classes commence |
| July 3 Mon | : | St. Thomas, Apostle of India - Holiday |
| Aug. 4 Fri | : | St. John Maria Vianney - New Priests' Day - Holiday |
| Sept. 8 Fri | : | Arogyamatha Feast- Holiday |
| 27 Wed | : | Sports Day - Holiday |
| Oct. 2 Mon | : | Gandhi Jayanthi- Holiday |
| 5 Thu - 6th Fri | : | Study Days |
| 7 Sat - 16th Wed | : | Semester I examinations |
| 17 Tue - 19th | : | Semester I break |
| 20 Fri - 25th Wed | : | Annual retreat (No classes) |
| 26 Thu | : | Diaconate Ordination (No classes) |
| 27 Fri | : | Semester II classes commence |
| Nov. 1 Wed | : | All Saints' Solemnity - Holiday |
| 10 Fri -11th Sat | : | Comprehensive exam: Oral |
| 15 Wed - 16th Thu | : | Comprehensive exam: Oral |
| 21 Tue | : | Comprehensive exam: Written |
| Dec. 4 Mon | : | Deacons' Day - Holiday |
| 6 Wed | : | Seminary Day - Holiday |
| 21 Thu | : | Christmas vacation |
| Jan'18, 5 Fri | : | Classes resume |
| 15 Mon | : | Sankranti - Cultural Day-Holiday |
| 26 Fri | : | Republic Day - Holiday |
| Feb. 14 Wed | : | Ash Wednesday-Day of Fasting and Recollection |
| Mar. 17 Sat-18 Sun | : | Study Days |
| 19 Mon | : | St. Joseph : Solemnity - Holiday |
| 20 Tue - 28 Wed | : | Semester II examinations |

