

# Areté



## CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

A work of the Missionaries of God's Love



# Course Prospectus

# Welcome!



“ The Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course equips people to become leaders in the Church for the new cultural moment that we find ourselves in...

... This course is especially suitable for youth and young adult ministers, leaders in various expressions of adult evangelisation, formation and parish renewal, and music ministry leaders.

The theology and skills you will learn in this course are applicable to paid or volunteer roles, and whether your ecclesial setting is a parish, school, new community or ecclesial movement.

This course provides a systematic and thorough foundation in the theology and practice of mission. You will learn the theory and the skills needed to be able to actually lead others in real-life ministry situations and experiences. Shape and refine your ministry through reflecting upon your current practice in the light of all you are learning in the course.

You will also be formed spiritually and grow as a person through the experience of learning in a short-term intentional community setting. The live-in intensive experiences offer opportunities for spiritual development and personal growth as you enter into an experience of temporary community with your fellow students.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership in 2020".

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

*Director - Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership*

# What is the Areté Centre?

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership is passionate about forming missionary leaders for a change of era.

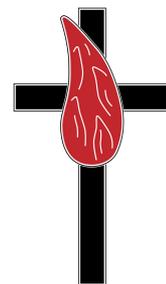


## What is Areté all About?

The Areté Centre offers courses for people serving or seeking to serve as missionary leaders in the Church today. The distinct Areté Centre philosophy and methodology offers students a unique course that seeks to not only provide them with the highest quality formation, but also the opportunity to encounter God in a new, deeper way, as well as putting what they learn into practice.

## Who are we?

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership is a work of the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Priests and Brothers, a new religious congregation dedicated to the mission of bringing the Good News of God's Love to the World. Founded in Canberra in 1986, the MGL works in collaboration with lay people and communities, empowering them in their baptismal call and mission.



You can meet the Areté Centre team at [www.aretecentre.org/team](http://www.aretecentre.org/team).

# Our Philosophy

One of the stand out features of the Areté Centre is our unique philosophy. Comprised of three key elements, our philosophy offers students a unique and high quality course.

## Encounter



The Areté Centre prioritises providing opportunities to encounter God in a new way.

## Formation



The Areté Centre offers only the highest quality of formation, ensuring students receive excellent instruction from qualified teachers.

## Mission



All of our courses are geared towards practical application, and all students complete a mission placement as part of their course.

# Course Delivery

At the Areté Centre, our three distinct modes of delivery ensures that students learn and develop their skills in the best possible way.

## Intensives



**Intensives** occur four times throughout the course, providing a unique opportunity for encounter and community. The first intensive is a **week long live-in conference** in January, providing students with an opportunity to encounter God. The following three intensives are **encounter weekends** that take place throughout the year, covering a range of topics and units.

## Classes



The **weekly classes** take place on a Wednesday evening. These workshop style sessions include a range of teaching styles, including lectures and interactive sessions.

## Placement



The **mission placement** provides students with a safe environment to put into practice what they learn throughout the course, with the opportunity for supervision and feedback from an approved mentor.

# Foundations of Missionary Leadership



# Course Outline

**Foundations of Missionary Leadership** is designed to empower and equip students to develop the skills necessary to be missionary leaders in the Church today.

The course takes place over the course of the year, following the distinctive Areté Centre philosophy to offer students a unique and high quality course.

The Course is comprised of **5 units**:

- **Unit 1:** The Spirituality of Missionary Leadership;
- **Unit 2:** Theological Foundations for Mission in the Australian Context;
- **Unit 3:** Ministerial Leadership Theory and Praxis;
- **Unit 4:** Electives (Youth Ministry, Adult Evangelisation, Leading Music in a Faith Context);
- **Unit 5:** Field Placement.



# Unit 1: The Spirituality of Missionary Leadership

## Outline



This unit explores the spiritual foundations of missionary leadership. The first intensive establishes a spirituality grounded in the initial proclamation (kerygma) of the love of God revealed in Christ and encountered through the Holy Spirit. The unit will also focus upon the topic of the disciple's new identity in Christ, which flows out of the response of faith and love (in baptism) to the kerygma. The second intensive in this unit aims to help students deepen in the practices of prayer. This provides students with the opportunity for a deeper appropriation of the grace of the kerygma through the practice of prayer in their own lives.

## Delivery



### Mode:

Intensive 1 - Summer School of Evangelisation - 5-12 January

Intensive 3 - 26-28 June

### Lecturers:

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

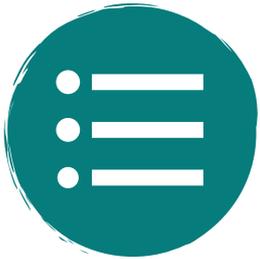
Very Rev Dr Ken Barker MGL

Judy Bowe MGL

Guest Lecturers



## Outcomes



Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Explain the content of the kerygma.
2. Apply the content of the kerygma to their own experience of faith.
3. Discuss the concept of missionary discipleship and reflect upon the practices of disciples.
4. Describe the methodology of the examen and its dynamic of identifying consolation and desolation in their own lives.
5. Demonstrate a theoretical understanding of a prayer practice such as Lectio Divina or Ignatian meditation, and reflect upon their engagement with this practice.

## Assessments



- One 500 word paper
- One 1000 word journal
- One 1000 word essay
- One five minute oral presentation

# Unit 2: Theological Foundations for Mission in the Australian Context

## Outline



This unit provides an overview of foundational theological principles for mission, beginning with the theology of mission arising from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, and in the subsequent papal statements on mission. A model for mission for the present Australian context and grounded in these magisterial statements will be developed and evaluated. The unit will then lay a deeper theological foundation for mission by examining the scriptural basis for mission, the Trinitarian underpinnings of mission, and the missionary nature of the Church as it is expressed in the Church's sacramental life, moral and social teaching.

## Delivery



**Mode:**

Face to face or online - Semester 1

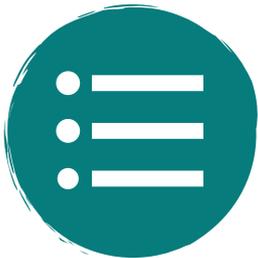
**Lecturers:**

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Guest Lecturers



## Outcomes



Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Explain the process of evangelization as it is articulated in the magisterial statements and the RCIA.
2. Give examples from contemporary culture and/or their ministerial experience that demonstrate their understanding of principal features of the Australian sociocultural context in which mission takes place.
3. Demonstrate a broad understanding of the theology of mission and the relevance of key doctrines for evangelization.

## Assessments



One 500 word paper  
One 1000 word essay  
Two 15 minute presentations

# Unit 3: Ministerial Leadership Theory and Praxis

## Outline



In this unit students will learn what leadership grounded in Christian faith is and begin to develop the leadership skills necessary for contemporary ministry. This unit will assist students to discern and develop their gifts for ministry, and then lead through exercising these gifts. The unit will explore what it means to first lead oneself through the practices of self-knowledge, self-management, and self-care. This includes skills such as time- management, prioritisation and leading through crises. It will also examine how to lead others through the development of teams, vision and strategy, and how to lead a group through the process of change. The unit will also address how to identify and form other leaders.

## Delivery



### **Mode:**

Face to face or online - Semester 2

### **Lecturers:**

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL  
Guest Lecturers



## Outcomes



Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Understand and apply principles of self-leadership to one's ministerial life.
2. Articulate key principles for leading others.
3. Apply these leadership principles to their ministerial context.

## Assessments



One 1500 word paper  
Two practical exercises

# Unit 4: Electives

## Outline



In this unit students will have the opportunity to explore common practical skills for different ministries such as budget-setting and event management. All participants will also learn basic ministry skills. The unit will then divide into one of three elective streams:

- **Youth Ministry** - Topics include running great small groups, the role of camps, service and justice activities, and responding to tough questions and pastoral care issues.
- **Adult Evangelisation** - This stream examines the need for hospitality and welcome, the skills needed to evangelise, facilitate genuine adult faith formation, equip adults for ministry and leadership, and foster the development of genuine Christian community.
- **Leading Music in a Faith Community** - this stream will train people to lead music in the liturgy and in non-liturgical contexts.

## Delivery



### Mode:

Intensive 2 - 27-29 March

Intensive 4 - 11-13 September

### Lecturers:

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Mr Stephen Kirk

Mrs Frances Simon

Guest Lecturers



## Outcomes



Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Articulate a basic theology of their chosen ministry.
2. Identify the principle skills necessary for their chosen ministry.
3. Practically demonstrate relevant skills pertaining to their chosen ministry.

## Assessments



One 1000 word paper  
Four practical exercises

# Unit 5: Field Placement

## Outline



This is a praxis unit for a supervised ministry placement. The unit focuses upon developing a methodology and skills for ministries such as adult evangelisation, youth ministry or music ministry that takes place in a parish, specific ministry or new ecclesial community context. The student will develop a ministry plan and exercise that ministry through reflective practice.

## Delivery



### **Mode:**

Semesters 1 (from Term 2) and 2 - with field supervision under the guidance of an approved mentor

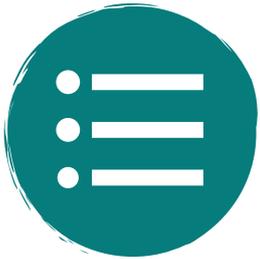
### **Lecturers:**

A suitable supervisor will be identified from the student's ministry context.

Facilitator: Rev Tony Alex MGL



## Outcomes



Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the capacity to lead in their chosen ministry.
2. Plan, develop and deliver ministry events/programs for their specific ministerial context.
3. Demonstrate relevant pastoral and practical skills in an actual ministerial situation.
4. Reflect upon their praxis in the light of theological and missiological principles.

## Assessments



Two 500 word papers  
One 2000 word journal

# Fees & Inclusions

The Areté Centre firmly believes that missionary leadership is for everyone! That's why our courses are affordable, and represent the best value for money, ensuring that the Areté Centre is accessible for missionary leaders of all ages and circumstances.



## Key Dates

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 5-12 January    | Week long live-in retreat |
| February        | Semester 1 starts         |
| 27-29 March     | Intensive 2               |
| 26-28 June      | Intensive 3               |
| July            | Semester 2 starts         |
| 11-13 September | Intensive 4               |
| December        | End of course             |

## Costs and Inclusions

The cost of the course is \$1865 (\$1770 if paid up-front) per person.

This includes:

- 35 weeks of classes
- 3 encounter weekends
- Course materials
- Week long live-in retreat\*

\*Additional charge for a single room.

Full and part scholarships are available. See over the page for further details.

# How to Apply

Here's all you need to know about how to apply for the Foundations in Missionary Leadership Course.

## How to Apply

Applications for 2020 are now open. Our online application process is easy and accessible. Please note that all applications must provide a referee. For more info, and to apply, go to [www.aretecentre.org/courses](http://www.aretecentre.org/courses).

## Scholarships

Are you interested in the course, but worried about the cost? We're really happy to be offering both full scholarships and half scholarships for 2020. For more information, go to [www.aretecentre.org/scholarships](http://www.aretecentre.org/scholarships).

## Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you!  
If you have any questions, want more information or simply would like to get in touch, you can contact Fran at [admin@aretecentre.org](mailto:admin@aretecentre.org).

You can also visit us at [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org).



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