



CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

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A work of the Missionaries of God's Love



Foundations of Missionary Leadership

# Course Prospectus

# Welcome!

“ The Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course forms and equips people with practical skills, spiritual formation and theological knowledge to become leaders in the Church's Mission today.



This course is suitable for anyone working in various expressions of adult evangelisation, youth ministry, Catholic education, formation, and parish renewal.

The theology and skills you will learn in this course are applicable to paid or volunteer roles, 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 in an Australian Context. 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 2022."

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL  
Director - Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership

# Why Study at Areté ?

Hear from our past and present students about how studying the Foundations of Missionary Leadership course at the Areté Centre has impacted their ministry and their lives.

I love the Areté Course not only because I learn so much about different aspects of missionary leadership, but also because it equips me with practical skills to live it, daily.

- RACHEL, YOUTH MINISTER

"Areté has enhanced my ability for leadership and bolstered my confidence that I will make a difference."

- SANJAY, DOCTOR

Areté has increased my knowledge of the Catholic faith and has helped me understand different insights that I can use in my ministry.

- MADELYN, YOUTH MINISTER

"Areté has helped form me to lead ministry pastorally, and with great intention."

- TANIA, ALPHA PARISH  
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Areté has enabled me to understand the process of evangelisation and how that relates to the Australian context.

- MONIQUE, TEACHER

"I feel equipped with the skills, knowledge, and insights to be able to meaningfully engage with people wherever they are on their faith journey."

- LAURA, FAMILY EDUCATOR

# What is the Areté Centre?

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership is a college specialising in forming missionary leaders for a change of era.

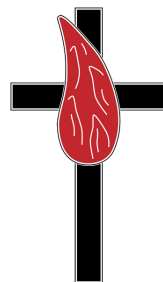


## What is Areté all About?

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 provide them with the highest quality formation, the opportunity to encounter God in a new, deeper way, as well as the chance to put 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.





# Meet the Areté Centre Team

You can learn more about the members of the Areté Centre team at [www.aretecentre.org/team](http://www.aretecentre.org/team)

## Our Faculty and Team



Fr Chris Ryan MGL



Fr Tony Alex MGL



Hazel Lim



Frances Simon



Kelvin Simon



Fr Ken Barker MGL



Judy Bowe MGL



Katherine Stone MGL



Stephen Kirk



Daniel Ang



Laura Neeson



Br Josh Whicker, MGL

# Our Philosophy

The Areté Centre's philosophy is comprised of three key elements, encounter, formation and mission, which interweave throughout the year to offer students a unique and high-quality course.

## Encounter



Personally encountering God's love is key to being an effective witness in ministry. The Areté Centre provides opportunities to encounter God in a new way, deepening your faith, and your closeness to Christ.

## Formation



The Areté Centre offers only the highest quality theological formation, ensuring students receive excellent instruction from qualified teachers, as well as the opportunity to learn practical skills for ministry.

## Mission



All of our courses are geared towards practical application. This course is for people who are engaged in ministry and want to grow as leaders.

# 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 **four day live-in retreat** 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.

## Classes



The online **weekly classes** take place on a Wednesday evening (from 7pm to 9:30pm). These sessions include a range of teaching styles, including lectures and interactive sessions.

## Mentoring



Monthly **mentoring** sessions are held throughout the year. These sessions provide opportunities for the students to reflect upon their ministry in the light of the coursework.

# Course Outline

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

The Course is comprised of **4 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:** Practicum and 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: In-person Intensives**

Intensive 1 - 16-19 January

Intensive 2 - 18-20 March

**Lecturers:**

Very Rev Dr Ken Barker MGL

Judy Bowe MGL

Katherine Stone MGL

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

\*Due to Covid-19, this is subject to change.



The Areté Centre is committed to ensuring all our activities, courses and intensives are Covid-safe.



## 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 discipleship.
4. Describe the methodology of the examen and its dynamic for 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.

## Assessment



One five minute oral presentation  
One 1000 word paper  
One 2500 word journal



# 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.

## Delivery



**Mode:** Online (Wednesdays 7:00pm-9:30pm, beginning 23 February)

**Lecturers:**  
Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL



## Outcomes



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

1. Explain the process of evangelisation as it is articulated in the magisterial statements and the RCIA.
2. Give examples from contemporary culture and 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 evangelisation.

## Assessments



One 500 word paper  
One 1000 word essay  
Three short answer written exams  
One 15 minute oral exam

# 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. 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 the role of emotional intelligence in leadership. It will also examine how to lead others through the development of teams, vision and strategy. The unit will also address how to identify and form other leaders.

## Delivery



**Mode:** Online (begins Wednesday 27 July)

**Lecturers:**

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL



## 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. Develop a ministry vision, strategy and plan.
4. Apply these leadership principles to their ministerial context.

## Assessments



One 500 word paper  
One 2500 word paper

# Unit 4: Practicum and Field Placement

## Outline



This unit is divided into three elements:

- **Ministry Intensive** - Topics include understanding one's gifts for ministry, developing small groups, and prayer ministry.
- **Leadership Intensive** - This practicum helps students appropriate key leadership practices through simulations crucial conversation skills and coaching others. They will also learn about strategic planning, event management, budgeting, promotions and risk management strategies.
- **Monthly Mentoring Sessions** - These sessions provide an opportunity for students to reflect upon their practice of ministry in the light of what they are learning from the coursework.

## Delivery



**Mode:** Intensive 3 - 17-19 June

Intensive 4 - 11-13 November

Ten group mentoring sessions (held monthly throughout the year)

### Lecturers:

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Mrs Frances and Mr Kelvin Simon

Mr Daniel Ang

### Mentors:

Fr Tony Alex MGL

Judy Bowe MGL

Rev Dr Chris Ryan 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

16-19 January	4 day live-in Intensive 1 (Unit 1)
23 February	Semester 1 starts (Unit 1 & 2)
18-20 March	Intensive 2 (Unit 1)
17-19 June	Intensive 3 (Unit 4)
27 July	Semester 2 starts (Unit 3 & 4)
11-13 November	Intensive 4 (Unit 4)

## Costs and Inclusions

The cost of the course is  
\$2,500 (\$2,400 if paid up-front) per person.

This includes:

- 26 weeks of classes
- 10 monthly mentor sessions throughout the year
- 3 encounter weekends
- Course materials
- 4 day live-in retreat

- Partial 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 2022 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 partial scholarships for 2022. For more information, go to [www.aretecentre.org/scholarships](http://www.aretecentre.org/scholarships)

Enrolment & scholarship applications close  
31 October 2021. Apply now to avoid missing out!

## 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 Hazel at [office@aretecentre.org](mailto:office@aretecentre.org)

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





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