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continues to move forward in a manner that expresses its heritage, identity, and values as a community committed to excellence in higher education, the life of faith, and service to the Church. Our aim is to ensure that our future will be shaped on a renewed foundation of spiritually sensitive teaching, and practical preparation for service in the world. (HCHC Strategic Plan 2021)

Graduate Study & Certificate Programs

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

Certificate in Youth and
Young Adult Ministry and Leadership

Byzantine Chant Certificate

Master of Theology (ThM)

Diaconate Certificate Program

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a three or four-year program designed for students seeking theological and ministerial education in order to serve the Church as clergy or as lay leaders. The MDiv has two tracks: one for seminarians who are preparing for the holy priesthood; and the other for those who wish to serve in lay ministry capacities. The MDiv prepares students for a variety of vocations, including the holy priesthood, religious educators, youth ministers, or further education in a variety of disciplines.

Certificate in Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Leadership

This one-year, graduate-level Certificate is designed as a post-college year of theological studies, service as part of HCHC's Office of Vocation & Ministry team, and training in key leadership skills. The Certificate program consists of 18 credits of graduate level academic work with a work study component of ministry through the Office of Vocation and Ministry's CrossRoad Summer Institute and Telos Project. Daily worship and studies provide theological knowledge and spiritual formation along with intensive, mentored training.

Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

The Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is a two-year program designed for students seeking an introduction to the various disciplines of Orthodox theology. Over the course of four semesters, this program encourages students to explore diverse interests through electives and to choose an area of concentration. Students may cross-register at any of nine theological schools of the Boston Theological Institute. The MTS prepares students for teaching, religious education, youth ministry, and doctoral programs, along with a deeper understanding of the Orthodox Faith.

Byzantine Chant Certificate

The Certificate in Byzantine Music program equips students with a mastery of the skills required for chanting the sacred hymns of the Orthodox Church. The program provides thorough knowledge of the psaltic notational system, the theoretical framework of the modal system, the ability to sight-read musical scores at all levels of complexity, and an extensive familiarity with the contents and usage of liturgical books and the rubrics of the Orthodox Church. Upon completion of its requirements, students will be able to perform all musical parts of the daily liturgical cycle and the sacraments of the Orthodox Church.

Master of Theology (ThM)

Ideal for priests or aspiring scholars of theology, the ThM program is a one-year, advanced theological studies program. Students focus on a particular theological discipline in their priestly or ministerial vocations, offering the opportunity to write a thesis in a theological field. The program is intended for candidates who 1) wish to pursue doctoral studies, 2) desire to teach, 3) desire scholarly enhancement to their ministry, or 4) are interested in personal theological and spiritual enrichment.

Diaconate Certificate Program

The three-year Diaconate program is a designed to prepare candidates for the ordained diaconate through mentoring, distance learning offerings, and three, on-campus summer sessions of theological courses. The certificate is designed to prepare a candidate for the ordained diaconate.