Course Unit Outline

Unit Code

H7383

Unit Name

New Zealand Catholics: Their Story

Unit Weighting

9 cps

Type of Unit

Specialised

Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions

Nil

Academic Staff

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Curriculum Objectives

This course unit provides a survey of the history of the Catholic Church in New Zealand and a context for other theological studies relating to the New Zealand Church.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1. demonstrate a critical knowledge of significant personalities and events of New Zealand Church history
- 2. identify the key groups who shaped the New Zealand church
- 3. present their research findings on the period using primary historical materials
- 4. Critically analyse the contribution of major figures to the development of the New Zealand Church
- 5. critique the present situation of the New Zealand church and its members in the light of its development

Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit

Students need to be able to grasp the concept that history is not just a chronological description of events but involves an interpretive element and a range of methodological approaches.

Content

- 1. Catholic Missionaries in Oceania and NZ to 1840
- 2. The Mission to the Maori 1838 1850
- 3. 1840 Te Tiriti O Waitangi and the Church to 1850
- 4. The Irish-New Zealand Catholic Church
- 5. The Education Question and Sectarianism
- 6. The Church During the World Wars (1914-1918; 1939-1945)
- 7. Social Questions: The Depression, Prohibition, Secularism
- 8. Vatican II and its Reception

Learning Activities

Lectures, facilitated discussion, class presentations

Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment

Students need to access online materials and resources.

Assessment Profile

- A Seminar presentation that profiles and discusses a significant Catholic person and their contribution to the New Zealand Church and/or society (Outcomes 1 & 4), 15 minutes weighted at 20%
- 2. An essay that describes the evolution over at least 50 years of a diocese/religious institute/movement/ ethnic group (Outcomes 2 & 3), 2,500 words weighted at 50%
- 3. An oral exam that discusses coherently the present situation of the New Zealand Church in the light of its historic development and responds to questioning by the lecturer (Outcome 5), 1 hour weighted at 30%

Representative References

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