

# Master of Arts in Catholic Education (MACL)

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**U**niversity of St. Michael's College is a federated College in the University of Toronto, our identity is explicitly Christian and Catholic, rooted in the heritage of the Congregation of St. Basil. We are a Faculty of Theology engaged in the exploration and proclamation of the mystery of God in contemporary culture.

We commit ourselves to the faithful and creative interpretation and articulation of the biblical, liturgical, theological, ethical, pastoral, historical and cultural dimensions of our Catholic faith. We reflect our Catholic identity in our faculty, our programs, and our commitment to the formation of our students for service in the church and society.

We are a founding member of the Toronto School of Theology and an Accredited Member of the Association of Theological School in the United States and Canada. Our commitment to diversity in terms of gender, ethnicity, race, and culture is reflected in our students, staff and faculty. We strive to create a community of hospitality, equality, collegiality, and justice for all. Our communal life hinges upon the habits of study and worship. We offer diploma and degree programs in Theology and Religious Education: M.Div., M.R.E., M.T.S., M.A.C.L., M.A., Th.M., D.Min., Th.D. and Ph.D.

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP (MACL)**

This is a cohort-based program offered only at the University of St. Michael's College through its Faculty of Theology.

### **Goals**

This program aims to enable Catholic principals, vice-principals, chaplaincy team members, department heads and others aspiring to positions of leadership in Catholic education, health or social service institutions:

- To grow in moral and theological understandings.
- To gain historical perspective.
- To integrate administrative and managerial practices within the social teachings of the Catholic Church.
- To enhance community relationships.
- To appreciate the implications of canon law for Catholic institutions.
- To gain fluency in articulating the distinctiveness of publicly funded Catholic Institution.

### *Admission Requirements*

- A bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with at least a B- standing (GPA 2.7), from an accredited institution.
- Official transcripts of all previous studies sent directly to the Faculty by the granting institutions.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- A "Letter of Intent" from the applicant.
- Payment of a non-refundable application fee (\$25).

### *Program Requirements*

A total of sixteen units of study with a minimum average of B- (GPA 2.7), with no mark below B-, are necessary to complete the degree. The program requires a minimum of two years of study.

### *Application Information*

The completed application form, together with the application fee and the Letter of Intent must be received by the Student Services Officer as follows:

- by the last Friday in June for those wishing to begin studies in September.
- by the last Friday in November for those wishing to begin studies in January.
- by the last Friday in March for those wishing to begin studies in the Summer A term (April-May).
- by the last Friday in May for those wishing to begin studies in the Summer B or C terms (July-August).

Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly by the person writing the letter. Official transcripts must be submitted directly by the respective educational institution.

**All degree programs must be completed within eight years of initial registration. They may be earned on a full-time or part-time basis. At least one half of all courses for degree programs must be taken from St. Michael's Faculty of Theology.**

## Curriculum

The sixteen (16) units of study are distributed as follows. Because of its highly practical nature, the Principals' Qualification Program (PQP) could serve in the place of one free elective and the MACL Practicum.

- Introduction to the Old Testament (SMB1007)
- Introduction to the New Testament (SMB1501)
- Foundations of Theology (SMT1101)\*
- 1 unit in Trinity or Christology\*
- 1 unit in Sacramental Theology or Liturgy\*
- Fundamental Themes in Christian Ethics (SMT1904)
- Ethical Issues in Catholic Leadership (SMT3902)
- Catholic Social Teaching (SMJ3609)
- Canonical Issues in Catholic Leadership
- 1 unit, History of Christianity I, II or III, or History of Catholicism (1648-present)
- Theology of Ministry (SMP 2600)
- Leadership Theory and Christian Praxis
- Cultural Context and Catholic Leadership

### *Regular Option:*

- Two (2) Free Electives
- 1 unit, MACL Practicum

### *PQP Option:*

- One (1) Free Elective
- 2 units, Principals' Qualification Program (PQP)

\* Core Systematic and Ethics courses must be taken from offerings in the Roman Catholic tradition.