AQUINAS CREDIT

Credit for Foundations in Spirituality carries an additional cost and written papers (in addition to the final paper required by all participants): Tuition is one half of the current Aquinas rate. Papers are as follows:

Undergraduate: 3 written papers over the year Graduate: 5 written papers over the year

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- For those who have never matriculated at Aquinas you must complete the attached application form. Please return it with the form below to Diane Zerfas, OP with a check payable to Aquinas College for the total amount.
- Please return the application form and check as soon as possible but no later than <u>August 31, 2023</u>.

 Arrangements for credit cannot be made once the program begins.
- If you are already registered at Aquinas because you have taken courses in the past, then you need need only send the check and the form below to <u>Diane Zerfas</u>, <u>OP</u> at address noted below (check is payable to Aquinas College) by <u>August 31</u>, <u>2023</u> Arrangements for credit cannot be made once the program begins.

Credit for Foundations in Spirituality through Aquinas College: ___ I am interested in applying for Undergraduate Credit for Foundations in Spirituality through Aquinas College. I have enclosed a check payable to Aquinas College I am interested in applying for Graduate Credit for Foundations in Spirituality through Aquinas College. I have enclosed a check payable to Aquinas College. __I have enclosed the application for study at Aquinas College because I have never studied at Aquinas College. I am a recent or former Aquinas College student and have enclosed only this form and a check. I have registered for Foundations in Spirituality at: Dominican Center - Grand Rapids, MI _____ Cell Phone_____ Evening Phone____ Return all forms and check payable to Aquinas College as soon as possible, but no later than August 31, 2019 to: Sister Diane Zerfas, OP Dominican Center Marywood

A Note about the Papers for Academic Credit:

Please keep in your file...

Papers are to be double-spaced. They should have a cover page with student name and title. For all papers you may do traditional style footnotes at the bottom of the page or endnotes (all endnotes are on separate page(s) at the end of the completed paper & titled "ENDNOTES.')

The body of the paper should reflect good sense of paragraph use and subtitles as is appropriate and necessary. The paper should reflect serious theological reflection and use and integration of the material studied in the Formation Program. Please converse with Sister Diane in advance if you have any doubts about your chosen topic as compatible with the course of study.

For graduate credit there is a requirement of 5 papers:

- 4 five to seven-page papers that reflect critical academic work with endnotes on a topic of your choice; and
- 1 ten to fifteen page paper involving library research.

For undergraduate credit there is a requirement of 3 papers:

- 2 five to seven-page papers that reflect critical academic work with endnotes on a topic of your choice; and
- 1 ten to fifteen page paper involving library research.

It is expected that the papers be handed in – or emailed on the following dates:

5 Graduate papers (course #TY599) are required:

October 19
December 14
February 1
April 5
May 3

Undergraduate papers (course #TY399) are required:

October 19
December 14
March 15

The content of the papers is your choice. It is reasonable that you will choose topics that have energy for you and are related to what you are studying. Take, for instance, a topic from one of the sessions and isolate one aspect of that topic and pursue it further, e.g., Desert Spirituality: the role of fasting and the body among the desert mothers and fathers; Catherine of Siena and Preaching for a Just Society; Francis and a Theology of Joy; etc.

Sister Diane Zerfas, OP is available, as your advisor, by phone, personal meetings (**by arrangement**) or email. Once you are registered please email Sister Diane regarding what will work best for you and when those contacts need to be.

If you have any questions, please call Sister Diane Zerfas (direct line 616-514-3108) or email her at dzerfas@dominicancenter.com

Wishing you a year of blessing and peace!