

Assignments and Seminar Papers: Regulations

1. Every assignment and seminar paper must be between 10-15 pages of A4 size.
2. Every assignment and seminar paper must be written in a systematic way according to the methodology suggested by the Institute. The methodological guidelines are published on the website of the Alpha Institute.
3. The cover page of every assignment and seminar paper shall have the format approved by the Institute.
4. The candidate has to register his/her topic of assignment to the Director/Dean of the Institute.
5. Every assignment and seminar paper must be submitted to the office of the Institute on or before the date suggested for.

BTh Assignments

1. Theology of the Holy Trinity

The basic reference materials:

- i. *The course material on Holy Trinity published by Alpha Institute,*
- ii. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 198-354*
- iii. *Course material on Holy Trinity published on the Alpha website*
- iv. *The Christian Faith, ed. By J. Neuner & J. Dupuis, (Bangalore: TPI, 1992) paragraphs 301-338.*

2. Special Questions in Moral Theology

Write an essay explaining anyone of the commandments of the Decalogue. The theological, moral and practical implications and contemporary applications of the commandment must be explained in detail.

The basic reference material:

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2197-2557.

BTh Seminar Paper

Write a paper on any of the following themes:

- i. Any theme related to the Holy Spirit (*basic reference material: Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 687-746*)
- ii. Any theme related to the Sacrament of Eucharist (*basic reference material: Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1322-1419*)
- iii. Any theme related to the Sacraments at the service of Communion - The Sacrament of Holy Orders/The Sacrament of Matrimony (*basic reference material: Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1536-1666*)

MTh Assignments

1. Moral Theology: Christian Approach to Applied Ethics

Write an assignment on anyone of the following themes (*basic reference material: Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

- i. Divorce
- ii. Abortion
- iii. Cloning, IVF
- iv. Euthanasia, Suicide
- v. War, Capital Punishment
- vi. Social Justice

MTh Seminar Papers

1. Text Criticism of a selected passage

Write an assignment based on the course material provided by the Alpha Institute

2. Hermeneutical Issues

Write a paper on any theme related to the interpretation of Bible:

Basic reference materials:

- i. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 51-141*
- ii. *Dogmatic Constitution of Second Vatican Council – Dei Verbum (Divine Revelation)*
- iii. *Course material on Biblical Hermeneutics published by Alpha Institute*

3. Contemporary Ecclesiastical Questions in the Gospel of St. Mathew

Write a paper on any social theme addressed in the gospel of St. Mathew

Basic reference material:

- i. *Alpha Bible Commentary Vol. 6 – St. Mathew (pages 35 – 232)*

BTh Dissertation

Schema, Less than 60 pages, Binding copy, note the guidelines provided in the website

MTh Dissertation

Schema, Less than 120 pages, Binding copy, note the guidelines provided in the website