

Ann-Maree O'Beirne



Ann-Maree O'Beirne is a Sister of Mercy of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea. She lives in Bathurst and is a PhD Candidate at ACU. Her research is in the area of Ecological Theology and Spirituality drawing on Ignatian Spirituality, the theology of Karl Rahner, Denis Edwards and Pope Francis. Ann-Maree completed her M.Div at CIS in 2011 with a research paper on a developing theology of land in Australia. Ann-Maree taught in secondary schools for fifteen years in Melbourne, Sydney and Dubbo before joining the Sisters of Mercy. She has been involved in adult education in parishes across the diocese as well as spiritual direction and retreats. In recent years she has also been a casual academic at ACU, tutoring and lecturing in the School of Theology. Her publications include "The Path to Sacrosanctum Concilium: Catholic Liturgical Reform 1830-1963." published in *e:Oikonomia*; and "Eugene Stockton: A Life's Work: A Gift to the Nation," published in *The Australasian Catholic Record* in 2014.



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CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY



I N T E N S I V E

S8572: SPIRIT IN CONTEXT:

AUSTRALIAN SPIRITUALITY

with Sr Ann-Maree O'Beirne
Semester 1, 2017

UNIT OBJECTIVES

Spirituality, along with the experience of faith, is shaped by the context in which it is engaged. This graduate course unit explores the notion of contextual spirituality and, in particular, the characteristics of spirituality within an Australian context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- 1) appraise the range of methodologies appropriate to contextual spirituality
- 2) determine and substantiate the sources of, and the elements which give shape to, spirituality in an Australian context
- 3) evaluate the thought of major writers and contributors in the endeavour of articulating an Australian spirituality
- 4) suggest with reasoned argument the characteristics of an Australian spirituality
- 5) engage current social and political issues in Australian life with a hermeneutic of Christian faith

CONTENT

- 1) The Notion of Contextual Spirituality and its Various Methodologies
- 2) The Influence of Landscape on Spiritual Experience
- 3) Aboriginal Spirituality
- 4) Spiritual Implications of the Search for National Identity
- 5) Formative Elements on Australian Christian Spirituality from a Denominational Perspective
- 6) Spirituality and Australian Literature and Arts Multicultural Considerations
- 7) This course may involve an excursion.

SESSION DATES AND TIMES

Sessions will be held:

9.30am - 4.00pm

On the following days:

16th – 20th January 2017

COST & REGISTRATION

Unit Costs: Degree Students - **\$1920**
Non-Degree Students - **\$1920**
Audit Students - **\$550**
CISSA Fee - **\$10**

Registration closes:

8th December, 2016

If you are a continuing Catholic Institute of Sydney student, simply register for the course in person as per usual during Registration Week (Week 13). Information regarding Registration Week is posted on the Registry Noticeboard and the CIS website.

All other students interested in registering in this unit should contact:

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