

Institute of Religious Formation

Catholic Theological Union

Spring 2026 Schedule

IRF COURSE CALENDAR - 2026		9:00 am - Noon (Central)	
Week	Day	Title	Professor
Week 01 (1/5 – 1/8/2026) Course Orientation			
Week 01 (1/5 – 1/8/2026): Institute for Religious Formation Course Orientation			Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 02 (1/12 – 1/15/2026)			
Week 02 (1/12 – 1/15/2026):	12-Jan Monday	Biblical Reflections on the Prophetic Nature of Consecrated Life	Prof. Barbara Reid, OP, PhD
Week 02 (1/12 – 1/15/2026):	13-Jan Tuesday	Addiction Issues in formation	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 02 (1/12 – 1/15/2026):	14-Jan Wednesday	Interculturality and Religious Life	Prof. Roger Schroeder, SVD, PhD
Week 02 (1/12 – 1/15/2026):	15-Jan Thursday	Sexuality Issues in Formation Setting	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 03 (1/19– 1/22/2026)			
Week 03 (1/19 – 1/22/2026):	19-Jan Monday	(Monday – MLK Day – no class)	
Week 03 (1/19 – 1/22/2026):	20-Jan Tuesday	Emotional Intelligence for Formation	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 03 (1/19 – 1/22/2026):	21-Jan Wednesday	Interculturality and Religious Life	Prof. Roger Schroeder, SVD, PhD
Week 03 (1/19 – 1/22/2026):	22-Jan Thursday	A Road to Joy	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 04 (1/26 – 1/29/2026)			
Week 04 (1/26 – 1/29/2026):	26-Jan Monday	Prayer in Religious Life	Prof. Barbara Reid, OP, PhD
Week 04 (1/26 – 1/29/2026):	27-Jan Tuesday	Collaborative Leadership in Ministry	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 04 (1/26 – 1/29/2026):	28-Jan Wednesday	Interculturality and Religious Life	Prof. Roger Schroeder, SVD, PhD
Week 04 (1/26 – 1/29/2026):	29-Jan Thursday	Theological Reflection	Prof. Christina Zaker, DMin
Week 04 (1/26 – 1/29/2026):	29-Jan Thursday	12:00 pm – IRF Check-In with Sr. Mary Jo	Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 05 (2/2 – 2/5/2026) NO Classes for IRF			
Week 06 (2/9 – 2/12/2026)			
Week 06 (2/9 – 2/12/2026):	9-Feb Monday	Seeing the Vows Through a New Lens: Introduction	Prof. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD
Week 06 (2/9 – 2/12/2026):	10-Feb Tuesday	Coping with Loss and Grief	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 06 (2/9 – 2/12/2026):	11-Feb Wednesday	Interculturality and Religious Life	Prof. Roger Schroeder, SVD, PhD
Week 06 (2/9 – 2/12/2026):	12-Feb Thursday	The Person as Formator	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 07 (2/16 – 2/19/2026)			
Week 07 (2/16-2/19/2026):	16-Feb Monday	Contemporary Ecclesiology, Leadership in the Church, and Ordained Ministry	Prof. Steve Bevans, SVD, PhD
Week 07 (2/16-2/19/2026):	17-Feb Tuesday	Contemporary Ecclesiology, Leadership in the Church, and Ordained Ministry	Prof. Steve Bevans, SVD, PhD
Week 07 (2/16-2/19/2026):	18-Feb Wednesday	Contemporary Ecclesiology, Leadership in the Church, and Ordained Ministry	Prof. Steve Bevans, SVD, PhD
Week 07 (2/16-2/19/2026):	19-Feb Thursday	Contemporary Ecclesiology, Leadership in the Church, and Ordained Ministry	Prof. Steve Bevans, SVD, PhD
Week 08 (2/23 – 2/26/2026)			
Week 08 (2/23 – 2/26/2026):	23-Feb Monday	Seeing the Vows Through a New Lens:The Vows: Common Underlying Dynamics	Prof. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD
Week 08 (2/23 – 2/26/2026):	24-Feb Tuesday	Family of Origin and Formation	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 08 (2/23 – 2/26/2026):	25-Feb Wednesday	Interculturality and Religious Life	Prof. Roger Schroeder, SVD, PhD
Week 08 (2/23 – 2/26/2026):	26-Feb Thursday	Theological Reflection, Student Leader	Student Leader, To Be Determined

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Week 09 (3/2 – 3/5/2026)				
Week 09 (3/2 – 3/5/2026):	2-Mar	Monday	Reconciliation and Social Healing as Practical Theology	Prof. Kevin Considine, PhD.
Week 09 (3/2 – 3/5/2026):	3-Mar	Tuesday	Dealing with Difficult People	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 09 (3/2 – 3/5/2026):	4-Mar	Wednesday	Interculturality and Religious Life	Prof. Roger Schroeder, SVD, PhD
Week 09 (3/2 – 3/5/2026):	5-Mar	Thursday	Psychological Assessment	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 09 (3/2 – 3/5/2026):	5-Mar	Thursday	12:00 pm – IRF Check-In with Sr. Mary Jo	Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 10 (3/9 – 3/12/2026)				
Springtime Change – “Spring Forward”				
Week 10 (3/9 – 3/12/2026):	9-Mar	Monday	What are "trauma" and "moral injury"?	Prof. Kevin Considine, PhD.
Week 10 (3/9 – 3/12/2026):	10-Mar	Tuesday	Seeing the Vows Through a New Lens: The Vow of Consecrated Chastity	Prof. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD
Week 10 (3/9 – 3/12/2026):	11-Mar	Wednesday	Growing into Communal and Individual Spiritual Gifts	Prof. Mary Frohlich, RSCJ, PhD
Week 10 (3/9 – 3/12/2026):	12-Mar	Thursday	Ministerial Responses for Accompanying those Suffering from Trauma and Moral Injury	Prof. Kevin Considine, PhD.
Week 11 (3/16 – 3/19/2026)				
Week 11 (3/16 – 3/19/2026):	16-Mar	Monday	Synodality to Facilitate Healing: Perils and Possibilities	Prof. Kevin Considine, PhD.
Week 11 (3/16 – 3/19/2026):	17-Mar	Tuesday	Seeing the Vows Through a New Lens: The Vow of Consecrated Poverty	Prof. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD
Week 11 (3/16 – 3/19/2026):	18-Mar	Wednesday	Spiritual Accompaniment and Spiritual Direction in Formation	Prof. Mary Frohlich, RSCJ, PhD
Week 11 (3/16 – 3/19/2026):	19-Mar	Thursday	Seeing the Vows Through a New Lens: The Vow of Consecrated Obedience	Prof. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD
Week 12 (3/23 – 3/26/2026)				
Week 12 (3/23 – 3/26/2026):	23-Mar	Monday	Theological Reflection, Student Leader	Student Leader, To Be Determined
Week 12 (3/23 – 3/26/2026):	24-Mar	Tuesday	Authority Issues in Formation	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 12 (3/23 – 3/26/2026):	25-Mar	Wednesday	Basic Skills for Spiritual Accompaniment	Prof. Mary Frohlich, RSCJ, PhD
Week 12 (3/23 – 3/26/2026):	26-Mar	Thursday	Healthy Integration of the Vowed Life	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 12 (3/23 – 3/26/2026):	26-Mar	Thursday	12:00 pm – IRF Check-In with Sr. Mary Jo	Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 13 (3/30 – 4/2/2026)				
Week 13 (3/30 – 4/2/2026):	30-Mar	Monday	Interculturality, Biases, And Us versus Them	Prof. Scott Alexander, PhD
Week 13 (3/30 – 4/2/2026):	31-Mar	Tuesday	Interculturality, Biases, And Us versus Them	Prof. Scott Alexander, PhD
Week 13 (3/30 – 4/2/2026):	1-Apr	Wednesday	Community and Accompaniment	Prof. Mary Frohlich, RSCJ, PhD
Week 13 (3/30 – 4/2/2026):	2-Apr	Thursday	Holy Thursday, no class	
Week 14 (4/6 – 4/9/2026) Easter Week – no classes				
Week 15 (4/13 – 4/16/2026)				
Week 15 (4/13 – 4/16/2026):	13-Apr	Monday	Common Challenges and Practice Strategies for Addressing Potential Formation Progra	Prof. Nancy Gerth, SCN, M.Ed.
Week 15 (4/13 – 4/16/2026):	14-Apr	Tuesday	Common Challenges and Practice Strategies for Addressing Potential Formation Progra	Prof. Nancy Gerth, SCN, M.Ed.
Week 15 (4/13 – 4/16/2026):	15-Apr	Wednesday	Common Challenges and Practice Strategies for Addressing Potential Formation Progra	Prof. Nancy Gerth, SCN, M.Ed.
Week 15 (4/13 – 4/16/2026):	16-Apr	Thursday	Common Challenges and Practice Strategies for Addressing Potential Formation Progra	Prof. Nancy Gerth, SCN, M.Ed.

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Week 16 (4/20 – 4/23/2026)				
Week 16 (4/20 – 4/23/2026):	20-Apr	Monday	Accompaniment: Supervision, Conducting Evaluations	Prof. Kevin McClone, MDiv, PsyD, CADC
Week 16 (4/20 – 4/23/2026):	21-Apr	Tuesday	Nurturing the Sacred Within	Prof. Corrina Thomas, FSPA, Dmin
Week 16 (4/20 – 4/23/2026):	22-Apr	Wednesday	Nurturing the Sacred Within	Prof. Corrina Thomas, FSPA, DMin
Week 16 (4/20 – 4/23/2026):	23-Apr	Thursday	Theological Reflection, Student Leader	To Be Determined
Week 17 (4/27 – 4/30/2026)				
Week 17 (4/27 – 4/30/2026):	27-Apr	Monday	Canon Law and Consecrated Life	Prof. Mary Gerard Nwagwu, DMMM, Ph.D.
Week 17 (4/27 – 4/30/2026):	28-Apr	Tuesday	Canon Law and Consecrated Life	Prof. Mary Gerard Nwagwu, DMMM, Ph.D.
Week 17 (4/27 – 4/30/2026):	29-Apr	Wednesday	Canon Law and Consecrated Life	Prof. Mary Gerard Nwagwu, DMMM, Ph.D.
Week 17 (4/27 – 4/30/2026):	30-Apr	Thursday	Pope Leo's and Pope Francis' Vision of the Church	Prof. Robin Ryan, CP, PhD
Week 17 (4/27 – 4/30/2026):	30-Apr	Thursday	12:00 pm – IRF Check-In with Sr. Mary Jo	Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 18 (5/4 – 5/7/2026)				
Week 18 (5/4 – 5/7/2026):	4-May	Monday	Liturgy	Prof. Anne McGowan, PhD
Week 18 (5/4 – 5/7/2026):	5-May	Tuesday	Digital Culture: Media, AI & Internet in Formation	Prof. Enzo Del Brocco, CP, PhD
Week 18 (5/4 – 5/7/2026):	6-May	Wednesday	Digital Culture: Media, AI & Internet in Formation	Prof. Enzo Del Brocco, CP, PhD
Week 18 (5/4 – 5/7/2026):	7-May	Thursday	Liturgy	Prof. Anne McGowan, PhD
Week 19 (5/11 – 5/14/2025) Integration and Moving Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator				
Week 19 (5/11 – 5/14/2025):	11-May	Monday	Integration and Theological Reflection	Prof. Christina Zaker, DMin & Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 19 (5/11 – 5/14/2025):	12-May	Tuesday	Integration and Theological Reflection	TBA & Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 19 (5/11 – 5/14/2025):	13-May	Wednesday	Integration and Theological Reflection	TBA & Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator
Week 19 (5/11 – 5/14/2025):	14-May	Thursday	Integration and Theological Reflection	TBA & Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, DMin, IRF Coordinator