Camillians in India

The Order of the Ministers of the Infirm began in August 1582 when its Founder Camillus de Lellis had an inspiration to create a group of pious and good men who would serve the sick voluntarily and out of love for God, with the same love a mother has for her only sick child. In 1586, this group obtained the approval of Pope Sixtus V, and in 1591 Pope Gregory XIV gave it the status of an Order with the name 'Order of the Ministers of the Infirm', a name chosen by the Founder to indicate that his members should have Christ as their model, who said 'I have not come to be served, but to serve and to give life'.

Today the Ministers of the Infirm are known throughout the World as Camillians. This Order is made up of priests and brothers who as religious have the same rights and obligations. The priests work mainly in the sphere of spiritual care for the sick and the brothers provide physical care. Besides the common three vows, the members of the Order take a fourth vow to serve the poor sick, even when they are infectious, even at the risk to their own lives. Faithful to this commitment, hundreds of Camillians have died serving the sick infected with plague.

Besides physical and spiritual care, today Camillians are engaged in the healing ministry of the Church through education and Upasana, Institute of Pastoral Health Theology is the result of such ministry.



Participants

Priests, Sisters, Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers and Lay People who are interested in the promotion of life and health of the sick and suffering

> **Requirements for Admission** Graduation in any discipline

> > Enrolment and Fees Contact the office

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> Registration Until May 2016 Start of Classes 01 June 2016



Educate to Heal and Heal to Humanize in the New School of Charity, taught by St. Camillus de Lellis





Diploma in Pastoral Health Theology





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At some point in our lives we will require the services of a health care provider. Pastoral care is an activity drawn from a study of Pastoral Health Theology through which we manifest our discipleship in a practical way. Indeed the very nature of pastoral care is drawn from the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:1-18), Jesus carrying for the wounded and afflicted as Good Samaritan (Lk 15), Jesus instructing Peter to care for his sheep (Jn 21:15-17) and to give value and meaning to human life even at the darkest times.

Venue

Upasana (learning at the Lord's feet) is St. Camillus Study House, situated at the Dharmaram Campus, belonging to the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians) in India. Upasana has the infrastructure to train the students in various diploma programme following the "New School of Charity" initiated by St Camillus, who, four hundred years ago, witnessed the love of the Merciful God through careful attention to the humanity in its finitude and vulnerability through promotion, animation and training of healthcare ministry of the Church and of all personnel who are involved in it. Since 2009, we have been offering short term courses in Pastoral Care, Pastoral Counseling, CPE, Bioethics, and Workshops and Seminars. Now we are organizing one year Diploma Course in Pastoral Health Theology in the academic year 2016-2017.

Vision

To create a health care system, human, holistic, compassionate by training, motivating, animating the health care personnel and all those who desire to defend and promote life with dignity

Mission

To spread the healing ministry of Jesus for the sick and the suffering by educating to heal and thus to heal to humanize the healthcare system and healthcare personnel so as to care for the life with dignity

Objective of the Course

- The Diploma in Pastoral Health Theology prepares the students in the promotion of health and trains the health care workers by raising awareness of the value and the culture of respect for human life towards all people and for all lives.
- It offers an anthropology in which the existential aspects are illuminated by metaphysics of life, reflected in the concrete reality of the human suffering person.
- The courses in theology, philosophy, bioethics, humanities and practical training with counselling help the students to understand how each human individual is the result and the source of care.
- The course helps the students to understand how the dynamics of health is the same rhythm of life and the mode of being the person with the richness of his/her relationship open to the proximate Transcendent face.
- The course offers to the students the possibility of knowing how the Church demonstrates its solicitude for humankind in its need and dependency and how it sees in the sick and suffering a turning point towards the Absolute and an opportunity for solidarity and communion.

Course Contents

- Methodology
- Methodology of critical reading
- Theological Anthropology
- Theology of Health
- Suffering Humanity in OT and NT
- Theology of pastoral healthcare
- Theology of suffering, salvation and hope
- Sacraments and pastoral care of the sick
- Pastoral care: Identity, history and planning
- Psychology of the sick

- Counselling skills and methods
- Bioethics general, special and Clinical
- Theology and History of charity
- Pastoral work with AIDS sufferers
- Grief and Pastoral care of the dying
- Clinical pastoral education and Practical Training
- Mary and the world of health care
- The elderly: social and pastoral health care problems
- Pastoral health care in ecumenical and multi-faith context
- Pastoral health care to the interfaith married couples
- Psychopathology and pastoral care
- Theology of Body
- Pastoral health care to the disabled and the migrants

Faculty

- 1. Fr. E. William, M.A., Counselling, L.Th., Pastoral Health Theology and Ph.D., Bioethics (**Director**)
- 2. Fr. Arlappa Mundlagiri, Ph.D., Pastoral Health Theology
- 3. Fr. Baby Naikkarakudy, Ph.D., Pastoral Health Theology
- 4. Fr. Reji Kaithaparampil, Ph.D., Counselling Psychology
- 5. Fr. Biju Sebastian, Ph.D., Psychology
- 6. Fr. Paulachan Kochappally, Ph.D., Moral Theology
- 7. Fr. Joy Philip Kakkanattu, Ph.D., Sacred Scripture and Biblical Theology
- 8. Fr. Benny Nalkara, L.Th., Biblical Theology
- 9. Fr. Sagaya John, Ph.D., Pastoral Theology
- 10. Sr. Kusum, Ph.D., Pastoral Theology
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