

# Thinking about seminary?



## See what Dio has to offer you

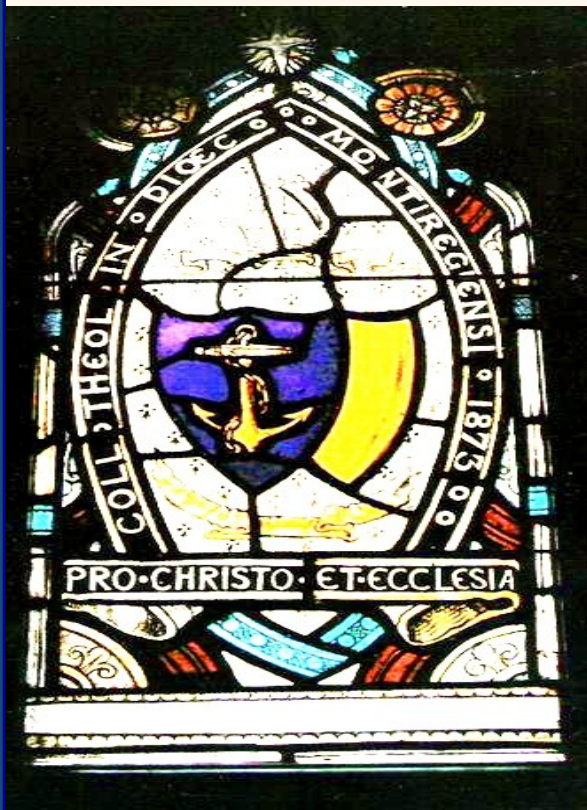


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# What Dio has to offer:

- excellent academic teaching at McGill's Faculty of Religious Studies, and the resources and prestige of a major North American university
- an ATS accredited Master of Divinity program
- an intimate and supportive College community
- a philosophy of education that emphasizes personal discernment: the chance to grow and discover your own identity as a Christian, an Anglican, a minister
- a distance education program in academic theology, for those who cannot enroll in full-time study
- competitive tuition fees
- the In-Ministry Year—an intensive one-year course in the practice of ordained ministry
- supervised ministry placements with experienced clergy
- small class sizes, an excellent teacher-student ratio, and close attention to the progress of each student
- a dynamic and co-operative ecumenical context
- location in the heart of one of North America's most beautiful and culturally diverse cities



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# Our Vision of Theological Education...

At Dio, we understand theological education to be closely connected with the process of personal discernment and ongoing spiritual growth of each individual student. Our task is not to impose a particular theological conception or a single model of ministry upon the student - indeed, in view of the enormous changes and challenges the church is facing, such a single model is neither helpful nor viable.

Instead we seek to challenge, support and inform students as they discern more clearly their vocation within the broad spectrum of Anglican and Christian tradition.

This philosophy finds expression in all aspects of our program:

- **Academically**, students will receive a solid grounding in the Scriptures and the traditions of the Church, as well as the critical tools with which to approach these traditions. We seek to educate thoughtful and articulate theologians, who in their ministries can contribute intelligently to the debates and councils of the church.
- With respect to the **Anglican tradition**, we strive to create a non-partisan environment, welcoming students of all theological backgrounds who are willing to be challenged and enriched by the diversity of understanding in the breadth of Anglicanism.

## The College Prayer for our Common Life

*Almighty God, you have called us together in this Diocesan College to a life of study, prayer, and ministry: Grant that your Spirit may work through our study to bring us to a mature faith, and through our prayer, to move us to an ardent love, so that, made confident to act in your Name, we may enable the church to accomplish the mission you have entrusted to it, for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. Amen.*

- As a committed member of an **ecumenical consortium**, we encourage the same attitude of respect and mutual learning with our sister traditions. In addition to our partner colleges (Presbyterian and United Church), contacts with the Roman Catholic church in Montreal, and the interfaith context of the Faculty of Religious Studies, we have a growing relationship with the Lutheran tradition, in the context of their covenant partnership with the Anglican Church of Canada.
- Our **pastoral training** imparts the basic skills of pastoral ministry, but our particular emphasis is on the disciplines of theological analysis and critical self-reflection. In this way, we aspire to train not just clergy for traditional ministries, but flexible and innovative servants of the gospel.



# Faculty and Staff

## COLLEGE FACULTY

### Principal

The Rev'd Canon John Simons,  
B.A., S.T.B., Ph.D.

### Director of Pastoral Studies

The Rev'd Canon Paul Jennings,  
B.A., M.A., B.Th.

### Director of Lay Education

The Rev'd Canon Tim Smart,  
B.A., B.Ed., M.Div.

### Honorary Chaplain

The Rev'd Elizabeth Rowlinson,  
B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D.

### College Musician

Patrick Wedd,  
Mus.Bac., M.Mus., D.D.

## HONORARY FACULTY

(McGill University)

### New Testament

Prof. Ian H. Henderson,  
B.A., B.D., M.A., D.Phil.

The Rev'd Dean Ellen Aitken,  
A.B., M.Div., Th.D.

### Church History

Prof. W.J. Torrance Kirby,  
B.A., M.A., D.Phil.

### Old Testament

The Rev'd Prof. Patricia G. Kirkpatrick,  
B.A., M.Th., D.Phil., D.D.

## VISITING LECTURERS

### Liturgy

The Rev'd Eric Dyck,  
B.A., M.Div., M.A. (Liturgy)

### Polity

The Rev'd Alan T. Perry,  
B.A., B.Th., M.Div., S.T.M., LL.M.

### Spirituality

The Rev'd Holly Ratcliffe,  
M.A., M.Div., S.T.M., Ph.D.

### Administration

The Rev'd Karen Chalk,  
S.T.M., M.Div.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Administrative Assistant

Helen Danakis

### Administrative Assistant

Montreal School of Theology  
Jeannette Vink

### Accountant

Mary Fox

# Programs offered at Dio...

Studies for ordained ministry at Dio involve an academic phase (normally a B.Th. through McGill's Faculty of Religious Studies), followed by practical ministry training in a separate In-Ministry Year. This allows the student considerable flexibility in choosing the right course of study.

The following table illustrates some of the ways in which elements of our program may be combined. Graduate programs (S.T.M., M.A., and Ph.D.) are offered through the McGill Faculty of Religious Studies.

Academic Study	Practical Training	Degree / Diploma
B. Th. studies (2 or 3 years, depending on previous studies)	→ In-Ministry Year	→ B. Th. (McGill) & M.Div. or Dip. Min. (Montreal School of Theology)
B. Th. and additional year of Master's studies	→ In-Ministry Year	→ B. Th. & S.T.M. (McGill) & M.Div. (Montreal School of Theology)
Reading and Tutorial Course	→ In-Ministry Year	→ L. Th. (College) & Dip.Min. (Montreal School of Theology)
Reading and Tutorial Course	→ without the IMY	→ Certificate in Theology (College)
Graduate degree in theological studies	→ In-Ministry Year	→ Dip.Min. (Montreal School of Theology)

# The B.Th. Program

Dio students complete the academic theological component of their studies through the McGill Faculty of Religious Studies. Students are registered at the College, are overseen by College faculty, and participate fully in the worship and social life of the College, but for the first years of their program classes are taken in the ecumenical setting of the FRS. At the end of this stage, they will receive a Bachelor of Theology degree from McGill.

As one of Canada's leading universities, McGill ensures a high standard of academic excellence. The Faculty of Religious Studies is renowned for its scholarship, both in the disciplines of Christian theology, and in World Religions.

## Admissions

Interested students should contact the College about application procedures. In the B.Th. years, students are enrolled in both the College and McGill University, and are entitled to the facilities and privileges of the university.

Students with a previous undergraduate degree may be admitted to a 60-credit (2 year) B.Th. program. Upon satisfactory completion of the In-Ministry Year, such students are eligible for the degree of Master of Divinity. Students without a previous degree are normally admitted to a 90-credit (3-year) B.Th. Such students receive a Diploma in Ministry after the In-Ministry Year, although older students may be eligible for the M.Div.

## Curriculum

The core curriculum of the B.Th. involves introductory and advanced courses in the major disciplines of Christian theology: Old and New Testament Studies, Church History, Theology, Philosophy of Religion, and Ethics. In addition, a course on Christianity in Global Perspective, and at least one course in another religious tradition are required. The College requires two years in New Testament Greek for those students who wish to be eligible for the M.Div.

## College Participation

In addition to general participation in the life of the College, students attend a weekly seminar in Anglican Studies, and spend a few hours each week in a supervised ministry setting. The Anglican Studies program, taught by College faculty and visiting lecturers, provides an introduction to Anglican worship, history, theology, polity and pastoral ministry. It is intended to familiarize the student with the basic contours of the Anglican tradition, and to bring an Anglican perspective to the academic work being done at the Faculty. In addition, students are expected to devote a few hours each week to a parish or chaplaincy placement, under the supervision of an experienced minister. The placement gives the student an initial exposure to the practice of ministry and the leading of worship in an Anglican context, and serves as a preparation for the in-depth ministry practice in the final In-Ministry Year.

# The In-Ministry Year

A one-year hands-on program in the theology and practice of ministry...



The In-Ministry Year is the final year of ministry training at Diocesan College, and is offered jointly with the Presbyterian and United Theological College. Unlike most seminaries, the Montreal consortium reserves most of the practical training in ministry skills for this final year.

The result is a unique and intensive 8 month program in the practice of ministry, which the ATS (the accrediting agency for North American theological schools) rated as "excellent" at their last review.

The IMY integrates practical ministry experience (through an extensive supervised ministry placement) with teaching and critical reflection on the theological basis of ministry. The goal is to help the student develop a firm sense of his or her own particular identity as

an ordained minister, rooted in an articulated theology of ministry.

## Admission

Students may be admitted to the In-Ministry Year on the basis of the B.Th., the Reading and Tutorial Course, or equivalent qualifications in academic theology from other institutions.

Students must be postulants for ordination with the support of their diocesan bishop. The ACPO process must be completed before beginning the IMY.

## How It Works

Students in the IMY spend two and a half days each week in class, and another 20 hours doing ministry in a supervised placement in a parish or chaplaincy setting.

In the field they work intensively with a qualified supervisor, who encourages them to set their own learning goals, offers experienced teaching, and engages with the student in the discipline of theological reflection. A lay committee is also set up to offer support and feedback.

Course work is directed towards critical reflection on field experience and the integration of practical skills with theological understanding and personal vocation. Class assignments are carried out in the parish, and field experience is brought back to the classroom for group reflection.

In addition to class assignments, IMY students complete a four-part Integrative Paper, in which they reflect on ministry in the context of their personal faith journey and theological convictions. The Director of Pastoral Studies is responsible for overseeing the IMY, and provides personal attention to the growth of each student both at the College and in the field.

### Curriculum

Instruction is provided by qualified faculty of the three Colleges. Courses marked with a \* are held jointly with the other Colleges; The others are taught in denominational groups. The major areas of study during the IMY Year:

- **Theology of Ministry\***
- **Pastoral Care and Counselling\***
- **Education in the Church\***
- **Preaching\*** (both homiletic theory and practical tutorials)
- **History and Theology of Worship\***
- **Pastoral Liturgy** (in an Anglican context)
- **Congregational Leadership\***
- **Mission/Church in Context\***

- **Church, Ministry and Sacraments** (in the Anglican tradition)
- **Patterns of Spirituality**

### Workshops

On several occasions during the year the regular rhythm of classes is interrupted for intensive several day workshops exploring specific aspects and contexts of ministry. A Rural Ministry Workshop addresses the specific shape of ministry in a rural setting; an Urban Ministry Workshop

examines outreach and social service ministry in the city; and a Conflict Management workshop addresses the skills necessary for dealing constructively with conflict in church life. A highlight of the year is the Global

Awareness workshop, which has been held in recent years on site. Here local facilitators expose us to the reality of global poverty, as we reflect on the challenges this reality implies for ministry in our own context.

### Degrees/Diplomas

Students who have completed a McGill B.Th. through the College and meet certain other conditions are eligible to be awarded a Master of Divinity degree upon successful completion of the IMY. This degree is awarded by the College on the authority of the Montreal School of Theology, an ATS accredited institution. Students coming to the IMY from other streams will receive a Diploma in Ministry.





# The Reading and Tutorial Course

**Study Theology in your own Community,  
at your own Pace...**

## What is it?

In addition to programs taught on campus, the College offers the opportunity to study theology through a distance education course. The Reading and Tutorial Course is designed for those students who are not in a position to engage in several years of full-time university study. It provides a grounding in the academic theological disciplines, particularly for those preparing for ordination to the diaconate or priesthood. Candidates for ordination can then complete their training with the In-Ministry Year at the College.

## How it Works

As the name suggests, the course consists in a program of guided reading in theology which you pursue at home. A tutor will be assigned for you in your own community (someone with theological training, often a priest) who will meet with you at regular intervals to monitor your progress and discuss questions which arise in the reading. Your progress is evaluated through the writing of short papers, which are submitted to the College for marking.

## Curriculum

The Course consists of 12 Units which cover the major academic theological disciplines:

- A. Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- B. Introduction to New Testament Studies
- C. Church History to 1500
- D. History and Theology of Worship
- E. Introduction to World Religions
- F. Introduction to Theology
- G. Church History (Reformation to present)
- H. Philosophy of Religion
- I. Introduction to Christian Ethics

- J. Major Theologians
- K. Old Testament Theology and Exegesis
- L. New Testament Theology and Exegesis

## A Few Details

There are no formal prerequisites for the Reading and Tutorial Course, though some competency in academic writing is necessary for success. You will need to develop the ability to set forth your thinking clearly in written form. As you work at home, your geographical location is irrelevant. We currently have students from all across Canada and parts of the US enrolled.

As this is an independent study program, you work at your own pace. While some students have completed it more quickly, you should expect that it will take you at least 3 or 4 years of regular work to finish. The College expects that you complete at least 2 units a year. The course can also be combined with part-time study at a local university or seminary. Credit can be given for up to six units, if you pass (or have already passed) equivalent courses elsewhere.

Graduates of the Reading and Tutorial Course who complete the College's In-Ministry Year will be awarded a Diploma in Ministry from the Montreal School of Theology, and the College's Licentiate in Theology. Students who choose not to continue with the IMY receive a Certificate in Theology from the College on completion of the Course.

## Is it for you?

For more information on the Reading and Tutorial Course, contact the Administrator, Helen Danakas at [diocoll@netrover.com](mailto:diocoll@netrover.com).

# College Life

Although most academic work is done in an ecumenical context, Dio students are also members of a small and supportive College community throughout their years of study.

The College's small enrollment creates an intimate community of mutual support and sharing among students, as well as between students and faculty.

In addition to the facilities of McGill University, Dio students have the use of the College chapel, reading room, theology students' lounge with computer and kitchen facilities.

Student concerns and social events are handled by the student-led College Council.



## Spiritual Life

Fundamental to our corporate life is daily worship in the beautiful St. Luke's Chapel. Morning and Evening Prayer are said corporately from Monday to Thursday during term, each student leading at least one service per week. Fridays we begin the day with the Eucharist, at which students are given the opportunity to preach.



At the centre of each week is our Wednesday Eucharist, which gathers students, faculty and friends of the College for worship, lunch and fellowship.

We begin each year with a weekend retreat on a beautiful Laurentian lake, an opportunity for personal reflection and community growth.

A spiritual advisor is available for confidential consultation and support to students, in addition to the support of regular faculty. Students are encouraged and assisted in setting up a discipline of spiritual direction.



# Testimonials

"Dio's size assures you'll never get lost in the shuffle. The faculty are challenging, rigorous and demanding, but also encouraging, open and available. There's freedom to explore and inquire into different approaches to the Christian faith, while at the same time remaining firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition. There's a real ethos of tolerance and mutual respect among students and professors alike. No one's going to go around slapping labels on you — theological or otherwise."

"I found (theology) ... stimulating, entrancing, and even thrilling. ...Daily I have the sense that I am in the right place not only geographically, and academically, but squarely in the middle of the right road on my spiritual journey."

"The In-Ministry Year afforded me the opportunity to integrate what I was learning with life in a parish. The Dio community is closely-knit and I developed friendships which I hope will be maintained for many years to come."

"Dio's ecumenical context has had a huge influence on me. Studying and establishing friendships with students from other denominations has helped me better understand and respect other approaches to the faith. At the same time, it's also deepened my sense of what it means to be an Anglican Christian."

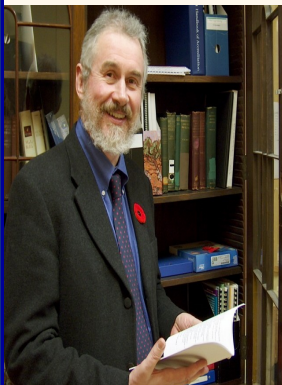
## For more information, or to apply...

For inquiries, contact the College Administrator at (514) 849-3004 or by e-mail at [info@dio-mdtc.ca](mailto:info@dio-mdtc.ca).

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