## Session 1 Syllabus

## **Theories**

- 1a. Introduction and Objectives
  - 1.1. Housekeeping and presentations
  - 1.2. Objectives of this session
  - 1.3. Spiritual Mentorship explained
  - 1.4. Review Terms & Conditions and Code of Conduct
- 1b. Holiness and the Spiritual Journey
  - 1.5. What is holiness?
  - 1.6. Why is it the goal of our lives?
  - 1.7. How do we travel the spiritual journey to attain our life's goal?
- 2. Stages of prayer
  - 2.1. What is prayer?
  - 2.2. How do I increase desire and openness to prayer?
  - 2.3. What are the three major expressions of prayer
  - 2.4. Where does God want to lead all souls in their prayer?
- 3a. Parts and Basic Guides to Meditative Prayer
  - 3.1 Preparation for meditation
  - 3.2 The 3 R's: Read, Reflect, make a Resolution
- 3b. Meditative Prayer
  - 3.4 Helps to Reflect: AIR
  - 3.5 How do I know that I'm growing spiritually?
- 4. Objections to Meditation and Teaching Others to Pray
  - 4.1 Common objections to meditation
  - 4.2 Overview of teaching others how to pray
  - 4.3 Three Simple Steps to Prayer
- 5a. The Role of Mary in our Life
  - 5.1 The visible manifestation of the mission of Jesus and the Holy Spirit
  - 5.2 Mary's role in the plan of salvation: Is she essential or optional?
  - 5.3 What is the maternal mission of the Holy Spirit?

- 5b. How to Live Devotion to Mary
  - 5.4 Three things the Church recommends in regard to Mary
  - 5.5 What is the Secret of Mary according to St. Louis de Monfort?
- 6. Casting the Vision A Simple Way of Life
  - 6.2 How is Mary asking for our help?
  - 6.3 How can we lead others to Jesus through Mary?
- 7. Overcoming Obstacles to Living a Simple Way of Life
- 8. Review Session

## Meditations

- 1. Matthew 20:20-28
- 2. Luke 18:1-18
- 3. Luke 6:46-49
- 4. Luke 10:21
- 5. John 19:23-27
- 6. Luke 10:38-42
- 7. John 21:15-17

## **Practica**

- A. "God" on How to Read Scripture
- B. Objections and Obstacles to Prayer
- C. Listening Skills