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THEL620: Liturgical Inculturation



Liturgical inculturation is the process via which the Church's liturgy can be adapted to the needs of different peoples and cultures. This unit will investigate the process, purposes and possibilities of liturgical inculturation today, both within mission contexts and in the complex, multicultural, ethnically and linguistically diverse contexts of the developed world. It will examine underlying ecclesial and anthropological assumptions about, and definitions of 'culture' and it will consider the inculturated nature of all liturgies as products of multiple cultural influences over the centuries. By studying examples of inculturated liturgies, this unit will explore how the interaction between liturgy and culture elicits changes in both parties to the liturgical inculturation dialogue and how the ongoing organic development of the liturgy influences the liturgy's continuing relevance in the world.

Fr Mark R. Francis, CSV is author of *Local Worship, Global Church: Popular Religion and the Liturgy* and *Shape a Circle Ever Wider: Liturgical Inculturation in the United States*.

This unit is offered at postgraduate level for students enrolled in Masters or Graduate Certificate programs in theology and religious education. Cross-institutional enrolments are welcome.

6, 7, 9 & 10 July, 9am-5pm online mode
N.B. Due to the impact of COVID-19 Professor Francis will lecture live online from the USA, with supplementary local content to be delivered by ACU academic staff.

Registrations

Please register by 5 June 2020. For cross-institutional enrolment, email ftp.pg@acu.edu.au noting the unit number (THEL620).

