

## Bloy House, The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont

Nestled in the beautiful foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and housed within the larger environs of one of the great urban centers of the United States, our school is located on the grounds of the Claremont School of Theology. Our affiliation with this esteemed Methodist seminary allows us to boast a world class theological library and a relationship with many of the finest theological minds in the country.

Bloy House has since its inception provided those seeking to exercise leadership in the Episcopal Church with the opportunity to pursue their callings while continuing to maintain their current employment and residence. This commuter environment not only allows individuals to explore their vocations in a rich and challenging theological environment, it also invites them from the moment they begin their studies to develop a vocational identity that balances economic and employment needs, family and relationship issues, and Christian vocation.



Classes meet on ten weekends per semester (Friday evening through Saturday afternoon). For those who commute from long distances or who seek to enrich their own experience with a residential component, Friday night housing is available.

## The Bloy House Vision for Ministry

Bloy House was founded by Bishop Francis Eric Bloy and the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in 1958 as an institution of the diocese dedicated to educating both lay ministers and those seeking ordination. Our ongoing vision is to offer Episcopalians of the dioceses of the Southwest a setting in which to grow in leadership skills for ministry to the church and to the world, while remaining in the world.

Throughout its history, Bloy House has sought to be responsive to the ever changing needs of the church, training ministers for work in urban, suburban and rural areas. As a result, Bloy House seeks to form individuals for various styles of ministry related to their particular gifts and the particular needs within the church they have been called to meet in our contemporary world.

This includes theological training for traditional full-time parish ministry. It also includes theological formation for situations where other types of ministry are called for: urban ministry, rural ministry, suburban ministry, mutual ministry, diaconal ministry, diocesan ministry, chaplaincies, social ministries, and a plethora of rich vital lay ministries that proclaim the Gospel of God's love and compassion for the world. You will find Bloy House graduates serving God in all these settings! Might God be inviting you to join them in today's great work of birthing the 21st century Episcopal Church?

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## The Bloy House Academic Program

The Bloy House commitment to adult learning models ensures seminar style classes are held on Friday nights and Saturdays, enabling students employed during the week to engage in a full round of studies in a hands-on learning environment. The full curriculum consists of 63 academic units of theological education, designed to offer the student a broad-based theological foundation. Semester long courses are 3 units each.



Full-time M. Div. study at a residential seminary often represents a load of 12 units, 4 courses per semester. Bloy House

students usually take 3 courses per semester, often completing more than the first two years of an M. Div. degree in three years at Bloy House.

Because Bloy House courses are graduate level work, students are required to hold a bachelor's degree in order to take courses for credit. Persons not seeking an M. Div. may audit Bloy House course with permission from the Dean.

Faculty members of Bloy House hold doctorates or are candidates for the Ph.D. in their field. Coming from a diverse background of denominations and life experiences, many of them are affiliated with other institutions of higher learning in the greater LA area, as well as being esteemed theological and biblical authors.

## Choosing Your Program

Because Bloy House students are engaged in a variety of different ministerial pursuits, how one participates in Bloy House is shaped by the needs of the individual student and the juridical body sponsoring the student for enrollment. All students benefit greatly from the richness of intentional Christian community, shared liturgical life, and shared fellowship that are, along with academic pursuits, central to the formation process of our school.



Diaconal students follow a course of study designed to provide them with essential theological formation for this ministry. Lay persons seeking to enhance their own spiritual lives, faith formation, or ministry formation are encouraged to choose those courses which will be most readily applicable to their own needs.



For those specifically seeking a Master's of Divinity degree, there are several options. Because Bloy House is not a degree conferring institution, one may:

1. Transfer to a residential Episcopal seminary after 63 units at ETSC and participate in their online, summer, January term, and fall/spring coursework. The joint M. Div. program with Church Divinity School of the Pacific will accept the entire Bloy House curriculum for application towards its M. Div. degree; the student then completes all other CDSP requirements in a final residential year there.

(Other Episcopal residential seminaries will accept about two years of work at Bloy House for application toward their M. Div. degrees. The precise number of units which each seminary accepts in transfers differs from school to school.)

2. Transfer to a residential Episcopal seminary after two years at Bloy House, entering the new seminary as a middler and completing two full years there.

3. Enroll in the joint Master of Divinity Program offered by ETSC and Claremont School of Theology. Students who elect this option will complete an additional 18 units of work in specific courses at CST. This joint degree which can require 5 years to complete, may be accelerated to as little as 3.5 year if the student is able to take other day or when they are offered, summer and night classes at CST.

Please note: Students who wish to transfer credits to another institution are advised to be in touch with that institution early on in their studies at ETSC so that both programs may be coordinated smoothly.