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Graduate Certificate in Ageing
(Ethics and Pastoral Care)
The Graduate Certificate in Ageing (Ethics and Pastoral Care) is intended to address the needs of practitioners and coordinators of pastoral care of aged persons.

The particular challenges of caring pastorally for elderly persons necessitates an holistic approach. Starting with an understanding of the central place that the human person must have in human caring the course will explore the insights to be gained from a number of interconnected fields — theology, spirituality, pastoral care and ethics.

While the units in this course will be grounded in the Roman Catholic tradition, especially that of moral theology, it will be emphasised throughout that effective pastoral care of ageing persons in our pluralist Australian society requires carers in the community and aged care sector to engage with persons holding a wide range of humanistic and religious perspectives.

The Graduate Certificate of Ageing (Ethics and Pastoral Care) comprises three 15 point units.

It is available to students who have completed an undergraduate degree, or 5 years relevant work experience or professional attainment.

**Foundational Unit**

**Human Ageing: Theological and Spiritual Perspectives**

DT8632C/DP8632C/DS8632C

Australians are living longer and our society is an ageing society. This unit will explore the ways human ageing has been understood in the Bible and throughout the history of the Christian church(es). Recent theological explorations of ageing will be an important focus of the course unit. Special emphasis will be given to Catholic theology and the ways it contributes to an understanding of human ageing. Closely related to the theological inquiry will be a consideration of the way both Christian and non-Christian spiritualties have tried to understand and live with the reality of growing old.

This unit is taught over six Saturdays commencing Semester 2, 2015.

**Dates for 2015**

Saturdays 9.00 am—4.30 pm

August 8
August 22
September 5
September 19
October 10
October 24

**Ethical Issues and Human Ageing**

DT9633C/DP9633C/DS9633C

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Australians are living longer and our society is an ageing society. This unit will explore a range of ethical issues arising from the ageing of the individual person as well as that of an ageing society. Among the issues to be considered will be:

- Transitions: into retirement; downsizing; high care;
- Tensions: between health and lifestyle; living with limits, disability, and dementia; questions of identity, sexuality and ethnicity;
- Contexts: involving family, relationships and friends; society; church;
- Meanings: experiences of life, death, grief; pain and suffering; choices about care at the end of life;
- The thinking of Catholic moral theology will be the basis from which an analysis of the issues will proceed.

**About the Lecturer:**

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