Statement of Educational Effectiveness

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary offers two programs of Theological study: The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and the Master of Theology (M.A.T.) Degrees. Seminarians are generally enrolled in the M.Div. Program. However, for those seminarians who are married deacons, who have been through a deacon formation program, and who have been serving proficiently in the diaconate for an adequate number of years, a special two-year M.A.T.-Formation program may be employed at the discretion of the seminarian’s ordinary. Those who are not in formation for holy orders enroll in the standard M.A.T. program.

All classes are addressed for educational effectiveness of teaching and learning. Given the unique sending process of the Byzantine Catholic Church, 100% of graduating M.Div students and M.A.T.-formation students who are ordained to the priesthood are assigned immediate parish placement as parochial vicars or administrators. Within one or two years they are usually appointed as pastors.

Since the inception of the Master of Theology (M.A.T.) program in 2003, 14 students have enrolled and six have completed the program within six years, including the seminary's first female graduate. Some students continue to pursue further education toward an advanced degree and others are actively employed in theologically relevant fields. Presently, six students are progressing toward graduation.

Our distance education program, Byzantine Online, has resulted in more than 70 unique registrations from individuals as far away as Australia, Canada and Mexico as well as here in the states. Since its inception in 2010, one individual has completed the Certificate of Eastern Christian Studies and 20 others are in the process of completing the certificate.