This course proposes theological, spiritual and pedagogical foundations for a participatory and empowering approach to faith-based education, pastoral ministry and service. Reflecting religious education as a mode of practical theology and concern for the spiritual foundations of Catholic education, the course invites participants to develop their own praxis of educating from and for faith. This is the purpose of the Church’s educational work in the world. However, it is also a responsibility of every Christian person and of every function of ministry and faith based service.

**Pre-Course Work**

_read:_ the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Will There Be Faith* (core text for course)

_write:_ A two page (double spaced) reflection on the reading. Bring a printed copy to our first class.

_Do as much as possible of the required course readings before we begin._

**Required Reading**

Thomas Groome, *Will There Be Faith?*

Thomas Groome, *Sharing Faith* (excerpts; all available on Canvas)

Jane Regan, *Where Two or Three are Gathered* (excerpts; all available on Canvas)

Anne Streaty Wimberly, *Soul Stories: African American Christian Education*

John Dewey, *Experience and Education*

Paulo Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*

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