

## UNIT 3B PASTORAL & ASCETICAL THEOLOGY: YEAR 3

### Diploma Assignments

- (1) Please complete **TWO** out of these five assignments.
- (2) If possible please prepare a typed script.
- (3) The assignment length for each choice should be between 1500 and 2000 words.
- (4) A bibliography and footnotes should be provided. Biblical references should be given where appropriate.
- (5) Your course tutor is available at all times should you need advice or have any difficulty.

### Assignment Titles (Choose TWO)

1. Trace how the gradual historical abandonment of public confession altered the theory and practice of confession in the Christian east and west.
2. How might spiritual guidance avoid the pitfalls of encouraging infantilism and unhealthy dependency in a spiritual son or daughter?
3. Explore the place of the Jesus Prayer in the development of the NON-monastic spirituality of the Christian east.
4. Design a project for the introduction of Christian Stewardship in an Orthodox parish. This must cover both teaching content and practical implementation.
5. “Christians make an inordinate amount of fuss about sex.” Give an Orthodox response, contrasting Holy Tradition with other viewpoints.