COURSE PROFILE

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
Social service ministry takes place in a parish and/or in an institutional setting in relation to presbyteral ministry. Theological reflection sessions with peers are required.

2. TOPICAL OUTLINE
2.1 Purpose: On-site placement of social ministry is designated for two semesters. Placements in this area are designed to bring the student into the experience of the financially and socially deprived within our society. It is also geared to involve candidates in the Gospel-mandated work of freeing the oppressed and righting systems of injustice.

2.2 Placements: Placements in social ministry in parochial and/or institutional settings are selected from a listing of those places provided and approved. The student will identify learning goals with guidance of the instructor and select a site suitable to contract for those needs.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM
- An experience of service with the socially and/or economically needy
- A minimum of 30 hours of delivered services on site each semester
- Supervision by a skilled professional at the site
- Theological reflection/or other educational session once a semester coordinated by field instructor.
- One relevant seminar/workshop to be arranged with field instructor
- Periodic sessions to be announced with field instructor.

4. REQUIRED WORKLOAD
4.1 Attention to 30 hours of on-site service and class meetings with field instructor.
4.2 Theological Reflection paper based on the ministerial experience. Paper is due on April 7, 2015

5. COURSE GRADING
Grading is based on satisfactorily completing the required workload.

6. CALENDAR
Class Gatherings: weekly, January 13 – May 1, 2015