Course Description

Study of the sacramental principle: relationship of the sacraments to Christ and the Church; biblical, historical and doctrinal introduction to the seven sacraments, with special emphasis on their role in Christian life.

Required Texts:

Readings on the Sacraments.

Supplementary Materials

Crichton, J.D. _Ministry of Reconciliation: Commentary on the Order of Penance 1974_.
Course Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes
It is hoped, that within this curriculum, the student will be able to grasp a biblical, historical and doctrinal introduction to each of the seven sacraments relate each of the seven sacraments to their place in the Christian life

Specific learning skills include:
- the distinguishing between primary and secondary sources
- sufficient background reading to comprehend the issue at hand and ascertain a balanced approach in addressing a particular topic
- familiarity with various Church documents of particular period in addition to secondary sources of noted authors
- Research skills by way of documentation

These course objectives will enable the student to more readily achieve goals 3,4,5 and 6 of the Core Curriculum Goals.

Assignments, Examinations, Grading
There will be two major tests during the semester. Together they are worth 37.5% of the semester grade. The final exam is worth 25% of the grade.

The written assignment consists of two short research projects (7-8 [12 MLA] pages text each). These papers plus oral reports are worth 37.5% of your grade. Research papers are not accepted by e-mail but topics and intro bibs are.

The following grading scale is used:
A - 90 - 100   B - 80-89   C - 70-79   D - 60-69   F 59 and below

Academic Honesty
Students are expected to follow the norms for academic honesty here at the University of St. Thomas. Any offense against academic honesty seriously undermines the teaching-learning process for which the University exists. Such offenses will be dealt with according to the criteria found in the current catalog.

Counseling and Disability Services

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustment or accommodations needs to contact Counseling and Disability Services in Crooker Center. This office can be reached at (713) 525-6953 or 3162. The student is requested to speak with me during the first two weeks of class.

Class Attendance and Extensions

Regular class attendance is necessary for success in the course. Class roll will be checked at each meeting. Students who miss more than two lectures, without the consent of the instructor, cannot participate fully, and their grades will be adjusted accordingly.

Make-up tests (which are always longer and more difficult) will be given only in the very rare case when doing them on the designated date is absolutely impossible. (A missed test presumes a doctor's note or something on that order.) Prior arrangements must be made with the professor.

Due dates for written assignments are clearly designated here on the syllabus. Failure to turn in a written assignment on time will result in a lowering of grade for that assignment. Late assignments will be accepted only within a designated time period.

Books are noted on the syllabus in this fashion:
*Catechism of the Catholic Church* - CCC (by paragraph #)
Readings on the Sacraments. RS
*The Hidden Manna: A Theology of the Eucharist* - HM

Otherwise the title of the particular document is listed.

Schedule of Classes/ Reading Assignments

1. January 13, Tuesday
   Introduction
   Liturgy
   Liturgical Architecture
   Liturgical Music
   RS - *Document on the Liturgy*
   CCC - 1066 - 1209

2. January 15, Thursday
   Liturgical Architecture
   Liturgical Music
   RS - *Document on the Liturgy*

3. January 20, Tuesday
   Liturgical Music
4. January 22, Thursday
   Baptism
   CCC - 1213-1284
   RS - Baptism

   **Turn in topic of first research paper**

5. January 27, Tuesday
   CCC - 1213-1284
   RS - Baptism

6. January 29, Thursday
   CCC - 1213-1284
   RS - Baptism

7. February 3, Tuesday
   Confirmation
   CCC - 1285-1321, 687-747
   RS - Confirmation

8. February 5, Thursday
   Confirmation
   CCC - 1285-1321, 687-747
   RS - Confirmation

9. February 10, Tuesday
   Eucharist
   CCC 1322-1419
   RS Eucharist

10. February 12, Thursday
    Eucharist
    *The Hidden Manna: A Theology of the Eucharist*

11. February 17, Tuesday
    Eucharist
    *The Hidden Manna: A Theology of the Eucharist*

12. February 19, Thursday
    Eucharist
    *The Hidden Manna: A Theology of the Eucharist*

13. February 24, Tuesday
    Exam
14. February 26, Thursday
   Eucharist
   *The Hidden Manna: A Theology of the Eucharist*
   **First Paper Due**
   *Turn in Name of Liturgical Document you will be reporting on.*

15. March 3, Tuesday
   Penance
   John Paul II.
   *Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church Today*
   CCC 1420-1498, 976-987
   **Last Day for acceptance of First Paper**
   *Turn in Name of Liturgical Document you will be reporting on*

16. March 5, Thursday
   Penance
   RS - Penance
   John Paul II.
   *Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church Today*

17. March 17, Tuesday
   Penance
   RS - Penance
   John Paul II.
   *Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church Today*

18. March 19 Thursday
   Penance
   RS - Penance
   John Paul II.
   *Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church Today*

19. March 24 Tuesday
   Anointing of the Sick
   John Paul II.
   *On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering*
   CCC -1499-1532

20. March 26, Thursday
   Anointing of the Sick
   John Paul II
   *On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering*
   CCC - 1499-1532
21. March 31, Tuesday
   Anointing of the Sick
   John Paul II
   *On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering*
   CCC - 1499-1532

22. April 7, Tuesday
   Holy Orders
   CCC - 1533-1600
   RS - Holy Orders
   **Turn in Second Paper**

23. April 9, Thursday
   Exam

24. April 14, Tuesday
   Holy Orders
   John Paul II.
   *On Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone*
   **Late Day for Turning in Second Paper**

25. April 16, Thursday
   Holy Orders
   John Paul II.
   *On Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone*
   **Oral Reports**

26. April 21, Tuesday
   Matrimony
   RS Matrimony
   CCC - 1601-1666
   John Paul II
   *Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*

27. April 23, Thursday
   Matrimony
   RS Matrimony
   CCC - 1601-1666
   *Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*
   **Oral Reports**

28. April 28, Tuesday
   **Matrimony**
   RS Matrimony
   CCC - 1601-1666
Exam Preparation

Oral Reports

29. April 30, Thursday Oral Reports
Exam Preparation

Final Exam: May 5  Tuesday  12:00 Noon - 2:30 pm

Project One
Research Project

The student should look at the list below, choose an appealing topic, and then do some preliminary research before committing oneself to a topic. Each paper should include a thesis statement, the development of that thesis and a conclusion. The student should compose a 7-8 page paper (5375: 10-12 page paper), with proper documentation using footnotes or endnotes Chicago Manual of Style should be followed (not MLA).

Each bibliography should include a minimum of four primary and secondary references. Textbooks and material taken from the net/web may not be used. Primary sources should be utilized where applicable. No more than two persons may sign up for each topic.

Projects

1. The Catechumenate within the Early Church*
   Research writings of early Church Fathers in addition to secondary references pertaining to the four step process
2. The Celebration of Baptism (Ceremony) within the Early Church*
   Research writings of early Church Fathers in addition to secondary references
3. Public Penance within the Early Church
   Research writings of Basil the Great among others who described process of rejoining Church after committing one of listed serious sins
4. Judaic Roots found within the Early Christian Eucharist
5. Celebration of Eucharist within the Early Church*
   Research writings of early Church Fathers in addition to secondary references
6. Influence of the Irish Monks in bringing Private Penance to the Continent of Europe. Include the use of Penitentials
7. History of the Role of the Deaconness within the Church
8. Role of the Deacon within the Early Church*
9. Development of the Practice of the Feast of Corpus Christi
14. Development of the building of a well known cathedral/basilica. Explain architecture and history of cathedral. Examples from which one might draw: Notre Dame, Chartres, Santa Sophia, St. Peter’s (Vatican, First or second rendition or both), St. Paul outside the Walls (Rome), St. Mary Major (Rome), St. John Lateran (Rome), Westminster Cathedral in London, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.
14. Development of Gregorian/Plain Chant as a form of liturgical music which enhances the message of scripture and fosters an atmosphere of prayer.
15. Baptism in the Theology of St. Paul
16. Prefiguring of the Eucharist within the Old Testament
17. Prefiguring of Holy Orders within the Old Testament as seen within the Jewish Priesthood

*First Six Hundred Years

**Project Two**

Report on a liturgical document which has appeared in modern times. Answer the following questions pertaining to the document:

1. What is the purpose (thesis) of the document?
2. Summarize the content of the document by presenting an organized development. Please include significant quotations highlighting the content of the document.
3. What purpose do you think the document has served or will serve in the Church?

Your paper should be 6-7 pages of text, using the Chicago Manual of Style. The importance of footnotes and or endnotes cannot be underestimated. You may use secondary sources but they are not essential. These documents may be obtained on line or through the Doherty or Cardinal Beran library. Please be ready to sign up for a liturgical document by the designated date.

1. *Mediator Dei* (1947), Pope Pius XII
2. *Mystici corporis Christi*, 1943, Pope Pius XII
3. *Mysterium Fidei*, 1965, Pope Paul VI
6. *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, (Please use commentary in addition to document) 2004, Cardinal Arinze
8. Summorum Pontificum (Extraordinary Form) Please utilize commentaries, Pope Benedict XVI,
10. Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship, USCCB
11. Sacramentum Caritatis Sacrament of Charity, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI
12. Liturgy and Church Music, Pope Benedict XVI, International Church Music Congress, 1985, Rome
13 Pope Benedict XVI on Church Music - Choose Three of the following:
   http://ceciliaschola.org/notes/benedictonmusic.html