University of St. Thomas School of Theology
at St. Mary's Seminary

COURSE NO: CU 3119 S
COURSE TITLE: Proclamation and Homiletics I
SEMESTER: Fall 2015
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COURSE PROFILE
1.0 Course Description
This initial pastoral course on homiletics for Diaconal Formation includes instruction on the
methods and skills necessary for the development of effective proclamation of the Word of God
and the basic principles and practical advice necessary to prepare a good homily. Emphasis is
given to the interplay between the Scripture readings, the homilist, and the assembly. Students
will write and deliver homilies, which will be critically discussed and evaluated by the instructor
and fellow students.

1.1 Course Goals
• To develop communication skills necessary for effective proclamation and preaching and
acquire practice in speaking in front of a group
• To give students practice in developing and delivering homilies in an atmosphere of
support and constructive criticism
• To give students familiarity with the Roman Catholic Lectionary
• To provide an opportunity for learning about the dynamics of effective proclamation and
preaching through observation and discussion
• To encourage personal reflection on the ministries of reader and preacher

2.0 Course Schedule
See Attached Course Outline & Suggested Readings

3.0 Required Textbooks
National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fulfilled In Your Hearing: The Homily In The
(ISBN 1-55586-850-9)
Rueter, Alvin C. Making Good Preaching Better: A Step-by-Step Guide to Scripture-
Based, People-Centered Preaching. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The
Sunday Homily. Washington, D.C: Office of Publications and Promotion
Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Homiletic
4.0 **Format of Presentation**
This very practical course is primarily a seminar course that will include lecture on the proclamation and preaching of the Word of God. However, since it is a practicum course, most of the time will be given to the students actually proclaiming scripture and delivering homiletic reflections. The student proclaiming and preaching will be taped for later evaluation by the instructor, then critiqued in a small group setting by the other students. Students will be asked to evaluate their peers in class and be evaluated by them in turn. Promptness is expected of students for all regular class sessions and for all class assignments. The missing of two classes will result in a failing grade.

5.0 **Course Requirements**

5.a Regular class attendance and participation, especially in the evaluation process
5.b Proclaim of the Word of God from the Lectionary in the class setting at least twice
5.c Preparation of two written Sunday Homilies, 8-12 minutes in length (see Preaching Schedule)
5.d Delivery of one Sunday Homily for critique in the small group setting
5.e Must become a Lector in your parish and proclaim the Word of God on a regular basis

6.0 **Course Grading**

6.a Class attendance and participation 20%
6.b Two Proclamations of the Word of God 20%
6.c Two Written Homilies (Aspirants & Wives) 30%
6.d Delivered Sunday Homily (Aspirants) 30%
6.e Course Grading is on university scale

7.0 **Selected Bibliography**


Harris, Daniel E. *We Speak the Word of the Lord: A Practical Plan for More Effective
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