Course Profile

1. Catalogue Description

A survey of the history of the Eucharistic worship of the Church from the New Testament to the present. A study of Eucharistic theology with an emphasis on the concepts of presence and sacrifice. A study of the key documents of the inter-confessional dialogues concerning the Eucharist. An examination of the structures and texts of the present Roman rite, especially the Eucharistic prayers.

2. Topical Outline

a. Introduction, stating the question
b. New Testament foundations
c. The Eucharist through the centuries
d. Eucharistic Theology, both past and present
e. Inter-confessional issues
f. The present structure of the Roman Sacramentary
g. A study of the Eucharistic prayers

3. Required Texts


4. Format of Presentation

Lecture and Discussion
5. Required Workload

   a. Attendance/preparation for class
      Students are required to be punctual/consistent in class attendance and sufficiently
      prepared for the topic assigned.

   b. Required Reading
      Students are required to complete the required reading assignments and make oral
      presentations as assigned.

   c. Written Assignments
      One research paper, 10 pages for M.Div. students and 15 pages for STB students,
      the topic of which is to be chosen by student and instructor and due the last day of
      class.

   d. Examinations
      Two exams: mid-term and final

6. Course grading

   Oral presentations and participation  25%
   Research Paper  25%
   Mid-term exam  25%
   Final Exam  25%

7. Calendar

   The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:15 A.M. for the
   duration of the fall semester.