**CU 2202** Prophets and Writings  
Candidates for the Diaconate, Diocese of Austin, Fall 2015.  
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**Course Description:** This course examines the relevance of the prophets and prophetic literature, their historical, literary and theological dimensions. It will also include a study of the Writings of the Old Testament. Pastoral concerns are addressed where appropriate.

**Class Themes and Dates:**
1. Introduction to Prophetic Literature; beginnings of the prophetic role: the historical prophets; significant themes such as the Covenant and the Monarchy. October 17, 2015.
2. Major and Minor prophets; important prophetic themes and issues: the division of the Kingdom; significance of the Exile. October 31, 2015.
4. Writings of the Old Testament: nature of the Ketuvim (Writings); wisdom literature. December 5, 2015.

**Assignments:**  
Students will receive an assignment after each class. The notes and assigned material from the class will serve as the resources for the assignment. Every student’s assignment is due before the next class and may be e-mailed to: walkerh@stthom.edu. The last assignment is due within one week of that last class.

**Required Books, Suggested Book and Related Materials:**  
**Required Books:** only two are required: (1) The New American Bible (any Catholic Study edition), and (2) The New Jerome Biblical Commentary, (ISBN # 0-13-614934-0).

**Suggested Book:** only one: *A History of Prophecy is Israel, Revised and Enlarged*, by J. Blenkinsopp, (ISBN 0-664-25639-2).

**Related Materials:** besides the books mentioned above, appropriate reading materials may be given as part of an assignment.