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

COURSE NO: CU 3112 A & B
COURSE TITLE: Presidential Leadership & Homiletics II
SEMESTER: Spring 2016
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COURSE PROFILE

1.0 Course Description
This practical course on presiding and homiletics for Diaconal Formation includes instruction on the methods and skills necessary for presiding at liturgical rites and preparing a well constructed and well delivered homily for that particular liturgy. This one hour credit course will ground the student in the foundational principles of liturgical prayer to help in the development of effective leadership as presider as well as the basic principles and practical advice necessary to prepare a good homily. Emphasis is given to the interplay between the Scripture readings, the ritual, the presider, and the assembly. Students will prepare a ritual of the church and deliver an appropriate homily at the practice ritual, which will be critically discussed and evaluated by the instructor and fellow students.

1.1 Course Goals
- To develop presidential skills necessary for effective leadership of public prayer, and to preach 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 the dynamics of effective presidential leadership and preaching through observation and discussion
- To encourage personal reflection on the ministries of presider and preacher

2.0 Course Schedule
See Attached Course Outline & Suggested Readings

3.0 Required Textbooks
4.0 Format of Presentation
This very practical course is primarily a seminar course that will include lecture on the presiding and preaching of the *Word of God*. However, since it is a practicum course, much of the time will be given to the students actually presiding at liturgy and delivering homiletic reflections. The student presiding and preaching will be critiqued in a small group setting by the other students and the student’s mentor. 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 Presiding at a Funeral Vigil or an RCIA Minor Rite with Liturgy of the Word
5.c Preparation and delivery of a written homily, 5-10 minutes in length, appropriate for the ritual (see Preaching Schedule)

6.0 Course Grading
6.a Class attendance and participation 20%
6.b Evaluation of presiding skill of ritual 40%
6.c Evaluation of homiletic skills for ritual 40%
6.d Course Grading is on a pass/fail basis

7.0 Selected Bibliography


# Course Outline & Suggested Readings for CU 3112

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