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

Course Number: CU 2213 BRE
Course Name: Sacraments I (Sacraments of the Church).
Fall Semester, 2016. Thursdays, 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm.
Distance Course: candidates for the permanent diaconate, Diocese of Brownsville.
Instructor: Fr. Henry B. Walker, OMI (walkerh@stthom.edu)
Catalogue Description: An introduction to the Church’s public worship and to the Sacraments. Principles of sacramental theology especially with regard to catechesis and pastoral practice. A close study of the various rites which are part of the Sacraments of Initiation and the Eucharist which permanent deacons can either celebrate or use as they prepare others.

Required Text books:
3. The Church at Prayer, this is a four-volume series on the sacraments and to following two are used in this Sacraments I class, they are:
4. The Rites of the Catholic Church:

Outline of the Course and Calendar.
Theme 1 (August 18, 25): Understanding Sacramentality.
Theme 2 (September 1, 8): History and Theology of the Eucharist.
Theme 3 (September 15, 22): History and Theology of Baptism.
Theme 4 (September 29, October 6): Theology of Confirmation and Understanding the Rites of the RCIA.

Homework and Grading.
A homework assignment is given that corresponds to each theme and which each student will send in prior to the next class period. The length, unless otherwise indicated, is to be about 3 pages long. Each assignment is weighed equally with a final grade given at the completion of the course.