University of Saint Thomas School of Theology

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YPH 6202 A
Introduction to Homiletics

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Course Description:
It is a privilege occasion to prepare the deacons to become more effective preachers. The theology and characteristics of homiletic preaching shall be the foundation of the course. Qualities for effective communication should be discussed. The tone of the homilies is aimed to be pastoral rather than reading a philosophical, theological or dogmatic paper. The course is aimed at making the homilist to be sensitive to his audience. Homilist should strive to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that his hearers are challenged, uplifted and edified by the Word of God.

Recommended Texts:


Evangelii Gaudium, Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Attendance: Seminarians are to attend all classes. No cuts are allowed

Topics To Be Covered Include:

1) Pastoral Communication
2) Objectives and Purpose of communication in pastoral ministry
3) Improving communication as a leader
4) Means of effective communication
5) Theology and Characteristics of Homiletic preaching
6) The necessity of Preaching
7) The Purpose of Preaching
8) Preaching as Art
9) Three Pillars of a good homily (*Ethos, Pathos and Logos*)
10) Principles for Persuasive Preaching
11) Giving and getting feedback
12) How to read the bible by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
13) Evangelizing through Beauty
14) Internet Preaching

**Mode Of Examinations:**
1) An hour mid-term written examination should be conducted based on the topics covered
2) Each seminarian will be expected to give a five minutes talk of the person’s interest without a paper or with points to help without reading the paper.
3) Several homilies will be given depending on the time available and one standard homily at the end of the course

**Grading:**
**Midterm:** 30%
**Public Talk:** 20%
**Homilies:** 50%

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is using and passing off as one’s own the ideas or writings of another. St Mary’s Seminary frowns upon plagiarism and anyone who plagiarizes will suffer the consequences: these may be severe. The source of any work which is not your own must be acknowledged.

**Disability Accommodations:** Students in this course seeking accommodations to disabilities must first consult with the Disabilities Resource Center in the Registrar’s Office and follow the instructions of that office for obtaining accommodations.