Course Profile

1. Catalog Description

An introduction to the study of the Church’s public worship, beginning with a study of ritual action as constitutive of life. Principles of liturgical theology. A survey of the history of the evolution of liturgical practice culminating with a study of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the Directory for Masses with Children, the Episcopal documents on music, art & architecture and Eucharistic practices, the Lectionary for Mass, the Liturgical Year, and the General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours. A study of liturgical spirituality and an overview of the structure of the liturgy of the Eucharist from an historical and cultural perspective.

2. Topical Outline

a. Principles of Ritual and Worship—May 22
b. Principles of Liturgical Theology—May 24—Integrative Question I
d. Conciliar and Postconciliar Documents
   1. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy—May 31, June 1—Integrative Question II
   2. General Instruction of the Roman Missal—June 5
   3. Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds and Redemptionis Sacramentum—June 5
   4. Directory for Masses with Children—June 5
   5. Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship—June 7—Integrative Question III
   6. Built of Living Stones—June 8
   7. Lectionary for Mass—June 12
   8. Liturgical Year—June 14
   9. General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours—June 15—Integrative Question IV
3. Required Textbooks


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 by the assigned date.

   c. Written Assignments
      Four short integrative questions due within a week of assignment

6. Course Grading

Four Integrative questions, each one is 25% of total grade

7. Calendar

The class will meet May 22, 24, 25, 29, 31, June 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15 from 7 to 9:45 P.M.