Course Profile

1. Catalog Description

Introduction to the sacraments beginning with the study of symbol, ritual and culture. Principles of sacramental theology. Role of Christian Initiation in the life of the Church. Survey history of the sacramental process of initiation from the New Testament Church through the present, with emphasis on the development of the Roman Rite. Exploration of the Rite of Baptism for Children, the Rite of Confirmation, and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, with reference to history, theology and pastoral practice.

2. Topical Outline

1. Study of symbol, ritual and culture
2. Principles of sacramental theology
3. Historical survey of the sacraments of initiation
4. Augustine and Original Sin
5. Baptism of Children and baptismal catechesis
6. Confirmation – What was, is and shall be!
7. The RCIA – the rites and who belongs
8. Baptismal fonts worthy of the name
9. Children and the CIC

3. Required Textbooks


4. Format of Presentation

Lecture and Discussion

5. Required Course Work

1. Attendance at class with active participation in the discussion of topics.
2. Students are to complete the required reading assignments and make one oral presentation as assigned.
3. One research paper, 10 to 15 pages in length, the topic of which is to be chosen by student and instructor, and due the last day of class.

6. Grade Distribution

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7. Calendar

The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:15 A.M. for the duration of the spring semester.