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

Course No:  YPL 8202  
Title:  Reconciliation and Anointing  
Semester:  Spring 2018  
Instructor:  Fr. Leon Strieder, SLD

Course Profile

1.  Catalog Description

Theological reflections on the sacrament of reconciliation, personal conversion and the ecclesial dimensions of the rite of Penance. A historical study of reconciliation beginning with Sacred Scripture and the development of Penance in the West with a look at the Eastern rites of Penance. The new rite of Penance, the 1983 Synod of Bishops and the new Catechism with an emphasis on pastoral application. A study of the notion of human suffering and the historical perspective and development of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, with a focus on its theology and pastoral practice.

2.  Topical Outline

1.  Introduction, present issues of the sacrament of Penance, ecclesial issues.
3.  The historical development of reconciliation, Eastern rites and practices, Canonical Penance, Monastic and Irish influences, Medieval developments, Trent, Vatican II, the New Rite of Penance, the 1983 Synod of Bishops.
4.  Suffering and healing in the salvific plan of God, its biblical understanding, the healing mission of Jesus, and the healing mission of the Church as a sign of the kingdom of God.
5.  The history of the rite of anointing. Who can anoint? Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum.
6.  The understanding of the theology of the rite of Anointing of the Sick. Eastern Rites of Anointing.

3.  Required Textbooks


4. Format of Presentation

Lecture and Discussion

5. Required Workload

1. Attendance and preparation for class. Students are expected to be punctual and consistent in class attendance and sufficiently prepared for the topic assigned.
2. Required reading. Students are required to complete the required reading assignments and make one oral presentation as assigned.
3. Written assignments. One reflection paper, 10 to 15 pages in length, the topic of which is to be chosen by the student and instructor, and due the final day of class.

6. Course grading

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7. Calendar

The class meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:10 A.M. for the duration of the spring semester.