Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
Course Syllabus: HM 2230
Litururgical Preaching
Fall 2014

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Course Description and Goals
The goal of this course is to enable the student to preach appropriately and effectively in the various liturgical celebrations of the Catholic Church and to use the homily on the assigned Scriptural text to unify and direct the sacramental and liturgical celebration. In pursuing this end, the student will investigate the place and function of the proclamation of Scripture and preaching in liturgical celebrations and its theological foundations. Finally, the student will be asked to grasp the specific demands the various liturgical and sacramental celebrations make on the development of the homily and its presentation in the celebration.

Outcomes and Assignments
1. During the course the student will develop and deliver at least ten liturgical homilies. The text of the homily will be due the day before its presentation.
2. After the delivery of each homily, the class will critique the homily and its appropriateness to the liturgical celebration in a positive way so as to help the homilist improve his or her preaching skills.
3. To assist the students in developing their liturgical preaching skills, a lecture on one or more aspects of liturgical preaching and its theology/spirituality will be delivered and then this discussed in the following class.
4. When required, one or more short research papers will be required.
5. The final grade will depend upon the effort made by the student to improve their liturgical preaching skills, class participation and the required research papers.

Philosophy
The primary concern of this course is that the student studies, thinks and prays so as to deepen his or her personal appreciation for the act of liturgical preaching. The student is expected to sincerely try to absorb and reflect on what is offered in this course and apply it to their own act of preaching.
Required texts

A Complete Bible with all the books of recognized as canonical by the Roman Catholic Church.

(New American Bible found on line at http://www.usccb.org/bible/)


(Found on line at http://old.usccb.org/plm/fiyh.shtml)

John Paul II, “General Audience”, 4 October 2000


Scriptural readings assigned from the Lectionary for Mass fore each day (Found on line at http://www.usccb.org/bible/)

Paul VI, “Evangelii Nuntiandi”, 1976

(Found on line at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19751208_evangelii-nuntiandi_en.html)

Pontifical Biblical Commission, “The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church”, 1994

(Found on line at http://www.ewtn.com/library/curia/pbcinter.htm)

Rite of Baptism

(See the GTU Library)

Rite of Confirmation

(See the GTU Library)

Rite of Reconciliation

(See the GTU Library)

Rite of Anointing and Care of the Sick

(See the GTU Library)

Rite of Marriage

(See the GTU Library)

Rite of Funerals

(See the GTU Library)

RCIA

(See the GTU Library)


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General Introduction to the Lectionary (Second Edition)

(Found on line at http://www.ewtn.com/library/CURIA/CDWLECT.HTM)
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (Third Edition)
(Found on line at http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/roman-missal/general-instruction-of-the-roman-missal/)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church
(Found on line at http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

The Documents of Vatican II
(Found on line at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/)
Class Calendar and Assignments

This syllabus is provisional due to the varying number of students and the practical needs that they will encounter in preparing and delivering homilies.

Session 01: September 07, 2009
Lecture: Introduction to the course, charities critique, paradigm of Catholic worship and the relation of rhetoric/public speaking and preaching.
Prepare the assigned text from the Divine Office for proclamation

Session 02: September 14, 2009
Practicum: Proclaim text of Scripture from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.
Lecture: Prayer over Scripture, Resonance and Illustration.
Discussion: Principles of public speaking and relation to preaching
Assignment: Prepare a homily on the text from the Divine Office.

Session 03: September 21, 2009
Practicum: Preach the assigned homily on the text from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.
Lecture: Preparation and Delivery.
Discussion: Preaching as an act of worship
Assignment: Read introductions to the Lectionary and Sacramentary with special attention to the role of proclaiming the Scripture and preaching.
Prepare a homily based on assigned text from the Lectionary.

Session 04: September 28, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily on the text of Scripture from the Divine office followed by a class critique.
Lecture: Nature of Act of Preaching, Encountering
Discussion: Place and importance of Scripture and preaching in the Eucharist
Prepare the Scriptural text from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 05: October 05, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique
Lecture: Eucharist as Zikkaron
Discussion: Church’s understanding of Scripture
Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 06: October 12, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique
Lecture: Eucharist, integration of texts
Discussion: Scripture as the primary way of making Jesus present in worship
Prepare the Scriptural text from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 07: October 19, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique
Lecture: Homily and the unification and meaning of the Eucharist
Discussion: Consider the document “Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly”
Assignment: Prepare the Scriptural text from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 08: November 02, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique
Lecture: Special Events
Discussion: Consider document “The Homily in the Sunday Assembly”
Assignment: Write a homily for the assigned special event.

Session 09: November 09, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique
Lecture: Baptism and Confirmation
Discussion: Consider the special needs of preaching on special events
Assignment: Read instructions on the sacraments baptism and confirmation.
Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Baptism or Confirmation for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 10: November 16, 2009
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique
Lecture: Reconciliation and Anointing  
Discussion: Preaching at a baptism or confirmation  
Assignment: Read instructions on the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing of the sick.  
Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 11: November 30, 2009  
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique  
Lecture: Marriage  
Discussion: Preaching at the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing  
Assignment: Read instructions on the sacrament of marriage.  
Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Marriage for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 12: December 06, 2009  
Practicum: Deliver the assigned homily followed by a class critique  
Lecture: Funerals  
Discussion: Preaching at a marriage  
Assignment: Read instructions on funerals.  
Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Funerals for proclamation and write a homily for it.