Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
Course Syllabus: HM 2230
Liturgical Preaching
Fall 2015

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Course Description and Goals

THIS COURSE IS RESTRICTED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HM – 1073, Foundations of Preaching!
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

N.B. All these texts are available on line.

Basic Texts

Bible: A Complete Bible with all the books of recognized as canonical by the Roman Catholic Church, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Jerusalem Bible, New American Bible, etc.
The Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Second Vatican Council
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Sacrosanctum Concilium
Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation Dei Verbum

Papal Magisterium

Paul VI
Encyclical Mysterium fidei
Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii nuntiandi

John Paul II
Apostolic Exhortation Catechesi tradendae
Apostolic Exhortation Pastores dabo vobis
Apostolic Exhortation Pastores gregis
Apostolic Letter Dies Domini
Apostolic Letter Novo millennio ineunte
General Audience, 4 October 2

Benedict XVI
Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum caritatis
Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini
Address at Rome’s Diocesan Conference (June 17, 2010)

Francis
Apostolic Exhortation Evangelium gaudium

Liturgical Books
General Instruction of the Roman Missal
Introduction of the Lectionary for Mass
Introduction of the Order of Funerals
Introduction of the Rite of Marriage
Introduction of the Rite of Baptism for Children
Introduction of the Rite of Confirmation
Introduction of the Rite of Penance  
Introduction of the Rite of Anointing and Care of the Sick  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Code of Canon Law

Documents of Congregations of the Roman Curia

Sacred Congregation of Rites  
Instruction Inter oecumenici (26 November 1964)  
Instruction Eucharisticum mysterium (25 May 1967)

Congregation for Divine Worship  
Instruction Liturgicae instaurationes (5 September 1970)  
Homiletic Directory (Vatican 2014)

Congregation for the Clergy  
General Catechetical Directory (11 April 1971)  
Directory for the Ministry and Life of Priests (31 January 1994)

Congregation for Bishops  
Apostolorum successores (22 February 2004)

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

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly, 1982  
Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily

Class Calendar and Assignments

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

Session 01: September 11, 2015

Lecture: Introduction to the course, charities critique, paradigm of Catholic worship and the relation of rhetoric/public speaking and preaching.


Session 02: September 18, 2015

Practicum: Discuss principles of public speaking and relation to preaching. Proclaim text of Scripture from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Prayer over Scripture, Resonance and Illustration.

Assignment: Prepare a homily on the text from the Divine Office.

Session 03: September 25, 2015
**Practicum:** Discuss preaching as an act of worship. Preach the assigned homily on the text from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.

**Lecture:** Preparation and Delivery.

**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 the assigned text from the Lectionary.

**Session 04: October 2, 2015**

**Practicum:** Discuss Scripture as a primary way of making Jesus present in worship. Preach the assigned homily followed by a class critique.

**Lecture:** Eucharist, integration of texts

**Assignment:** Read and study: USNCCB, “Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly” Prepare two Scriptural texts from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

**Session 05: October 09, 2015**

**Practicum:** Discuss the relevance and practicality of “Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly” Preach the assigned homily followed by a class critique

**Lecture:** Homily and the unification and meaning of the Eucharist

**Assignment:** Read and study USCCB, “Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily” Prepare the Scriptural text from the lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it with appropriate introductions at the beginning of Mass, before the penitential act, the prayer of the faithful, before the kiss of peace and the dismissal.

**Session 06: October 16, 2015**

**Practicum:** Discuss the relevance and practicality of “Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily” Preach the assigned homily, introductions, etc.

**Lecture:** Read the “Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults”

**Assignment:** Read and study read the “Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults” Prepare a conference for catechumens on the assigned subject.

**Session 07: October 23, 2015**

**Practicum:** Discuss the “Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults” Preach the assigned conference for catechumens.

**Lecture:** Baptism
Assignment: Read the “Rite of Baptism for Children” Prepare a homily for the baptism of an infant.

Session 08: November 06, 2015
Practicum: Discuss the “Rite of Baptism for Children” Preach the assigned homily for the baptism of a child followed by a class critique
Lecture: Confirmation
Assignment: Read the “Rite of Confirmation” Prepare a homily for confirmation

Session 09: November 13, 2015
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Confirmation Preach the assigned homily for confirmation followed by a class critique
Lecture: Reconciliation
Assignment: Read the Rite of Penance. Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Penance for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 10: November 20, 2015
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Penance Preach the assigned homily for penance followed by a class critique
Lecture: Anointing
Assignment: Read the Rite of Anointing. Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Anointing of the Sick for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 11: December 04, 2015
Practicum: Preach the assigned homily for the anointing of the sick followed by a class critique
Lecture: Marriage
Assignment: Read the “Rite of marriage” Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Marriage for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 12: December 11, 2015
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Marriage Preach the assigned homily for a wedding followed by a class critique
Lecture: Funerals
Assignment: Read the Rite of Funerals. Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Funerals for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 13: December 08, 2015
**Practicum:** Discuss the Rite of Funerals Preach the assigned homily for a funeral followed by a class critique

**Assignment:** Write a short summary of the course; including, the manner in which you prepare a text of Scripture for preaching, the way in which you develop homily for the text of Scripture and the way in which the course has formed you as a preacher.

**Required texts**


Bible: A Complete Bible with all the books of recognized as canonical by the Roman Catholic Church, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Jerusalem Bible, New American Bible, etc.
(Found on line at [http://www.usccb.org/bible/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/))

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/](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](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.ewtv.com/library/curia/pbcinter.htm](http://www.ewtv.com/library/curia/pbcinter.htm))

(See the GTU Library)

General Introduction to the Lectionary (Second Edition)
(Found on line at [http://www.ewtn.com/library/CURIA/CDWLECT.HTM](http://www.ewtn.com/library/CURIA/CDWLECT.HTM))

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (Third Edition)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church
(Found on line at [http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/pope_john_xxiii/catechism/catechism_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/pope_john_xxiii/catechism/catechism_en.html))
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/)

“The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship”, editor Peter J. Fink, S.J.,
Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1990
(Found in the GTU Library.)

USCCB, “Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly”, National
Council of Catholic Bishops, 1982
(Found on line at http://old.usccb.org/plm/fiyh.shtml)

USCCB, “Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily”
(Found on line at

USCCB, “Rite of Baptism for Children”
(See the GTU Library)

USCCB, “Rite of Confirmation”
(See the GTU Library)

USCCB, “Rite of Penance”
(See the GTU Library)

USCCB, “Rite of Anointing and Care of the Sick”
(See the GTU Library)

USCCB, “Rite of Marriage”
(See the GTU Library)

USCCB, “Rite of Funerals”
(See the GTU Library)

USCCB, “Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults”
(See the GTU Library)
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Practicum: Discuss principles of public speaking and relation to preaching. Proclaim text of Scripture from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Prayer over Scripture, Resonance and Illustration.

Assignment: Prepare a homily on the text from the Divine Office.

Session 03: September 20, 2013

Practicum: Discuss preaching as an act of worship. Preach the assigned homily on the text from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Preparation and Delivery.

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 the assigned text from the Lectionary.

Session 04: September 27, 2013

Practicum: Discuss Scripture as a primary way of making Jesus present in worship. Preach the assigned homily followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Eucharist, integration of texts.

Assignment: Read and study: USNCCB, “Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly”. Prepare two Scriptural texts from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 05: October 04, 2013

Practicum: Discuss the relevance and practicality of “Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly”. Preach the assigned homily followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Homily and the unification and meaning of the Eucharist.

Assignment: Read and study USCCB, “Preaching the Mystery of Faith,
the Sunday homily” Prepare the Scriptural text from the lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it with appropriate introductions at the beginning of Mass, before the penitential act, the prayer of the faithful, before the kiss of peace and the dismissal.

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Practicum: Discuss the relevance and practicality of “Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily” Preach the assigned homily, introductions, etc.
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Assignment: Read and study read the “Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults” Prepare a conference for catechumens on the assigned subject.

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Session 09: November 08, 2013
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Confirmation  Preach the assigned homily for confirmation followed by a class critique
Lecture: Reconciliation
Assignment: Read the Rite of Penance.  Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Penance for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 10: November 15, 2013
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Penance  Preach the assigned homily for penance followed by a class critique
Lecture: Anointing
Assignment: Read the Rite of Anointing.  Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Anointing of the Sick for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 11: November 22, 2013
Practicum: Preach the assigned homily for the anointing of the sick followed by a class critique
Lecture: Marriage
Assignment: Read the “Rite of marriage”.  Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Marriage for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 12: December 06, 2013
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Marriage  Preach the assigned homily for a wedding followed by a class critique
Lecture: Funerals
Assignment: Read the Rite of Funerals.  Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Funerals for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 13: December 13, 2013
Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Funerals  Preach the assigned homily for a funeral followed by a class critique