

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
Summer 2016**

Course Number & Name: PT/761/ST761 Roman Catholic Sacramental Theology & Canon Law for Pastoral Ministry

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Workshops plus afternoons

Class meets June 6, 1:00-4:30; June 13, 1:00 – 4:30; June 15, 1:00 – 4:30; June 20, 1:00 – 4:30; June 27, 1:00 – 4:30; June 29, 1:00 – 4:30; and all-day June 14 and June 28, 9:00 – 4:30. See next page for topic schedule.

Prerequisites: TH601 or permission of instructor

Course Description: A study of sacramental theology, ecclesiology and relevant aspects of canon law for those who will engage in parish pastoral ministry

Course Requirements:

- Students should expect to read at most 750 pages of required reading.
- Students must attend the two all-day workshops.
- Students should expect to write about 25 double-spaced pages, as follows:
 1. A brief statement of the most important theological claims about the church's sacramental system in the contemporary Catholic culture (2-3 pages), first draft by 6/27, revised and re-submitted by July 22.
 2. A final project paper (not a research paper) pursuing a key ecclesiological question or issue raised by the course. This 15 page paper (double-spaced, 12-point) is a formal reflection paper incorporating course readings as well as class and workshop content. **Due July 22.**
 3. A paper (7 pages) on *either* how to prepare a couple for their wedding *or* how to prepare a bereaved family for a funeral.

Required Texts:

Vorgrimler, Herbert, *Sacramental Theology* (Liturgical Press, 1992) ISBN: 0-8146-1994-0.

Beal, John P. Coriden, James A, Green, Thomas J., eds, *New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*. New York: Paulist Press, 2000. ISBN-13: 978-0809140664

Thomas G. Long, *Accompany Them with Singing: The Christian Funeral*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009 ISBN 13: 978-0-664-23319-8.

Class Schedule

June 6: 1:00-4:30 PM – Christian Life, Sacramentality

June 13: 1:00-4:30 – The Sacraments & Code of Canon Law

June 14: 9-4:30 – Workshop: Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

June 15: 1:00-4:30 – Additional Initiation Considerations

June 20: 1:00-4:30 – Reconciliation (Penance)

June 27: 1:00-4:30 – Introduction to the Sacrament of Matrimony

June 28: 9:00-4:30 – Workshop: Matrimony in the Catholic Canon Law

A. Situation I: Walking into marriage

B. Situation II: Walking away from marriage

June 29: 1:00-4:30 – Funerals