

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Monday

6:00 – 8:30 pm

PT601 Foundations of Christian Ministry

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Course Description

This course will survey the biblical, theological, and spiritual foundations of ministry, and examine the expressions of lay and ordained ministry in various Christian traditions.

Course Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 600 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing:**
 - Reflection paper on one's own call to ministry - 10%
 - Book reviews (2) – 10% each- 20%
 - Paper on one's own denominational understanding of ministry - 30%
 - Paper describing an interview and observation of a person in ministry - 30%
- **Other:** Class Presentation and Class Contribution- 10%

Required Texts:

1. Barton, Ruth Haley, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry* (2nd ed). IVP, 2018. ISBN: 9780830846450
2. Taylor, Barbara Brown, *The Preaching Life*. Cowley, 1993. ISBN: 9781561010745
3. Palmer, Parker J., *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. Jossey-Bass, 2000. ISBN: 9780787947354
4. Placher, William C., ed., *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation*. William B. Eerdmans, 2005. ISBN: 9780802829276