

Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
College of Liberal Arts

MNS 101 Theology of Ministry (2 cr)  
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Fall Term 2009  
Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm

Course Description

An introduction to the biblical, theological and ecclesial roots of ministry in the Church, as well as an understanding of the historical development of ministry in the evolving experience of the Church from the Acts of the Apostles to the present day Church in the United States. The course will examine the characteristics of ministry, ordained and lay ecclesial. Students will be introduced to the principles of theological reflection to use in presenting case studies from their own ministry experiences. \*\*

Outcomes

- Understand, synthesize and articulate the Catholic tradition of ministry.
- Demonstrate the ability to reflect and articulate some of the challenges and tensions of lay ecclesial ministry in today's Church.
- Understand and demonstrate the ability to apply the principles of theological reflection. \*\*

Required Texts/Readings

Flannery, O.P., Austin (Gen Ed.) Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents. The Liturgical Press: Collegeville, MN

OR

Abbott, S.J., Walter M. The Documents of Vatican II. The America Press: New York.

John Paul II. The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World (Christifideles Laici). December 30, 1988.

"Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium." USCCB, November 1995. USCC Publication no. 5-002.

"Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord." USCCB, 2005

Additional articles supplied by the instructor

Required Coursework

- Class participation - 10%
- Mid-Term Synthesis - 30%
- Theological Reflection Case Study - 10%
- Final Paper - 50%

*\*\*Course description and student outcomes are provisional, awaiting college faculty final approval.*