

Introduction to Homiletics – MNS 340

Monday 6:30-8:30

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Course Description:

This course introduces students in pastoral ministry and diaconal formation to principles for effective preaching and includes a practicum for preaching at communion services, morning and evening prayer, wake services and other occasions.

Required Texts:

Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly. Washington D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002.

General Introduction to the Lectionary.

Wisdom, Andrew Carl. *Preaching to a Multi-Generational Assembly.* Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press, 2004.

Student Outcomes:

- To create an awareness of the ecclesial call to preach the Word of God as teacher, prophet and leader in the community.
- To deepen one's understanding of the theology of the liturgy and preaching.
- To develop one's own approach and understanding to preaching.
- To develop and improve oral skills, delivery, and creativity.
- To insure the creation of deeply Biblical preaching through proper exegesis of the appointed Scriptural text.
- To develop the ability to deliver a homily using a variety of different approaches.

Evaluation of the Student:

An examination on October 13 accounting for 30% of the grade will cover the first two of the three required texts listed above.

Active Participation will account for 30% of the grade. Factors in determining this grade include class attendance, promptness at class, completing all work on time, turning off cell phones before the class begins, attentiveness in class, etc. Each student will be expected to listen attentively to the homilies of others and offer feedback.

Homilies delivered in class by the student will account for 40% of the grade. Factors included in this grade will be clarity of message, impact of message, creativity, fidelity to the Biblical text, fidelity to Church teaching, use of voice, hand gestures, bodily posture, and adherence to the form and time limits assigned for each homily. The student will be expected to submit an outline of any upcoming class homily to the instructor before delivery. Consideration will be given to the prayer and effort put into the homilies.

Grading Scale:

93-100% A
90-92% A-
87-89% B+
83-86% B
80-82% B-
77-79% C+
73-76% C
70-72% C-
67-69% D+
63-66% D
60-62% D-
0-59% F

Course Calendar:

September 8 – Review Syllabus, General Principles of Preaching
September 15 – General Principles of Preaching
September 22 – General Principles of Preaching
September 29 – General Principles of Preaching
October 6 – No Class
October 13 – Exam on *Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly* and *General Introduction to the Lectionary*
October 20 – Homilies
October 27 – Homilies
November 3 – Homilies
November 10 – Homilies
November 17 – Homilies
November 24 – Homilies
December 1 - Homilies

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- Edwards, Jr. O. C. *Elements of Homiletic: A Method for Preparing to Preach*. Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press, 1990.
- Honeycutt, Frank G. *Preaching to Skeptics and Seekers*. Nashville TN: Abingdon Press, 2001.

Lischer, Richard. *Theories of Preaching*. Durham NC: The Labyrinth Press, 1987.

Nieman, James R. and Thomas G. Rogers. *Preaching to Every Pew: Cross Cultural Strategies*. Philadelphia PA: Fortress Press, 2001.

Sloyan, Gerald S. *Worshipful Preaching*. Philadelphia PA: Fortress Press, 1984.

Untener, Kenneth. *Preaching Better*. New York NY: Paulist Press, 1999.