

Syllabus

THEO 4881 Equipping for Ministry at Mass (1 hour)

This course supports the spiritual life and the practical ministry of those who serve during Eucharistic Liturgy. It will focus on hospitality, proclamation, prayer, and mission. It is for greeters, lectors, those who write the prayers of the faithful, and all who gather for Eucharist.

The Holy Father continues to share his desire to find ways to express more clearly the connection between what is celebrated in the liturgy and how we live our lives beyond liturgy. Hospitality, proclamation, prayer, mission are movements from the world to the altar and from the altar to the world.

Pope Benedict continues to remind us that the best catechesis on the Eucharist is the Eucharist itself well celebrated. With the introduction of the new English translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, there has been a call for increased catechesis on the Eucharist and the Liturgy. It is clear that to be celebrated well means more than just new words put to our old prayers. Hospitality, Proclamation, Prayer, Mission are elements that are servants of the Liturgy so that we might pray well, so that we might believe well, so that we might live well.

Method of Instruction

Lecture, video presentations, group discussion, practical exercises, reflection will be used.

Course Objectives:

Students will be taught:

what role hospitality plays in the parish celebration of Eucharist

what distinguishes proclamation from public reading;

what format for the universal prayer (prayers of the faithful) is provided by the Roman Missal;

what are the elements of a liturgical spirituality?

By the end of the class, students will know:

how to employ basic principles of hospitality in the parish environment;

how to proclaim a scripture reading;

how to compose a “prayer of the faithful”;

how to bring life to prayer and prayer to life.

Class Times:

January 18, 25, February 1, 8

Wednesday evenings - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location:

Interactive Television Sites

Instructor/Coordinator:

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Presenters:

Coleen Stein & Melissa R. McCoy

Text:

“Forming the Assembly to Celebrate the Mass” by Lawrence E. Mick.

Schedule:

January 18: Introduction and Spirituality of a Liturgical Ministry and Ministers

January 25: Hospitality [Melissa R. McCoy]

February 1: Proclamation [Coleen Stein]

February 8: Prayers of the Faithful & Conclusion

Requirements:

1. Participate in Classes
2. Read the Text
3. Write Reflection Papers

A Reflection Paper is least one page no more than two pages typed (12 point; double spaced) written following a class session addressing the following questions regarding the content and discussion of a class session:

What do I remember?

Why do I remember that?

What am I going to do about it?

Papers are to be submitted via email to rschremmer@dcdioocese.org no later than February 16th. No paper will be accepted after that date.

4. Practicum

- A. Proclaim a reading taken from the upcoming Sunday before the class.
- B. Compose a set of prayers of the faithful for the upcoming Sunday.
- C. Write an assessment of “hospitality” at last Sunday’s mass. Include ways you experienced hospitality extended to you and by you. Acknowledge the positive and how it could be reinforced/enhanced. Acknowledge the less than positive and how what improvements could be made. Assessment is least one page no more than two pages typed (12 point; double spaced) and are to be submitted via email to rschremmer@dcdioocese.org no later than February 16th. No assessment will be accepted after that date.
- D. Write an assessment of the ways the celebration of Eucharist affected/connected with your life (others’ lives) during the week. Assessment is least one page no more than two pages typed (12 point; double spaced) and are to be submitted via email to rschremmer@dcdioocese.org no later than February 16th. No assessment will be accepted after that date.

Grades:

- F. Do nothing
- D. Participate in some classes
- C. Participate in class and write at least one reflection paper or do at least one practicum.
- B. Participate in classes and write at least one reflection paper and do at least one practicum.
- A. Participate in class and write at least two reflection papers and do at least two practicums.

Note: Syllabus may be changed by Instructor as the class develops and progresses.