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TITLE: Introduction to the Liturgy of the Roman Rite **TERM:** September – December 2018 [20189]

PROFESSOR: Rev. Michael McGourty, S.L.D.

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 20 UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will investigate the sacramental celebrations, liturgical rites and the liturgy of the hours of the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite from their historical, theological, and spiritual and pastoral dimensions. Requirements are class attendance, short papers and a final exam.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Lead catechetical and mystagogical instruction sessions to prepare individuals and families to celebrate the sacramental rites within a parish setting.
- Speak intelligently about the theological and spiritual significance of these rites upon the lives of those who celebrate them.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the history of the rituals and speak about how their present form of celebration has come about and the biblical sources for these celebrations.
- Assist others (inquirers) to learn more about these rituals and the place the celebration of them is intended to have in their faith lives.

PREREQUISITES:

Enrolled in a TST College.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition.* Libreria Editrice Vaticana— CCCB: Ottawa, 2000.
- *Sacrosanctum Concilium (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy).* Can be found in: Austin Flannery, ed. *Vatican Council II, vol. 1, The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, New Revised Edition.* Costello Publishing Company: Northport, New York, 1998.
- *The Rites of the Catholic Church, vol. 1.* Pueblo Publishing Company: New York, 1990.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

There will be three written assignments required for this course. Each of these will be valued at 20% of the final mark. These papers are to be 4-6 pages, double spaced. Anything after the seventh page will **NOT be read. They are to be in 12-point script.**

The papers are to represent a 12-15 minute talk that you might be asked to present to explain the subject on which the assignment is based. The audience for this talk is a group that you could find in a parish or school environment— i.e. the R.C.I.A.

These papers must be typed and will be graded on both content and form. Attention should be paid to *style, grammar, spelling and punctuation*, as well as to the presentation of the subject matter. **The standard norms for academic honesty will be enforced.**

Assignment One (October 10, 2018):

You are asked to give a talk to a group of adults to explain to them what the liturgy is and why it is important in the life of a Christian. Your talk should emphasize the theological, spiritual and ecclesial dimensions of the liturgy.

Assignment Two (November 14, 2018):

You are asked to give a talk that explains **ONE of the following rites:** 1) the rite of Christian initiation for adults at the Easter Vigil; 2) the rite of baptism for a child; or 3) the Eucharistic liturgy that is celebrated at a Sunday Mass. Your explanation should refer directly to the rite itself and should explain the importance of the symbols and rites that are found in the celebration. It will be impossible in a talk of 12-15 minutes to deal with everything. You will have to select those aspects of the rite that you believe are the most important. Your talk should include reference to the spiritual and theological importance of the rite.

Assignment Three (December 5, 2018):

You are asked to give a talk that explains **ONE of the following rites:** 1) the rite of marriage; 2) the rite of penance; or 3) the rite for the anointing of the sick. Your explanation should refer directly to the rite itself and should explain the importance of the symbols and rites that are found in the celebration. It will be impossible in a talk of 12-15 minutes to deal with everything. You will have to select those aspects of the rite that you believe are the most important. Your talk should include reference to the spiritual and theological importance of the rite.

Final Exam:

The final exam will count for 40% of the final grade. This will be an oral exam that will be based on the readings and lectures.

ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Chupuncgo, Anscar, J., ed. *Handbook for Liturgical Studies*. 5 vol. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1997-2000.
- Miklós-házy, Attila. *Benedicamus Domino! Let Us Bless the Lord! The Theological Foundations of the Liturgical Renewal*. Novalis: Ottawa, 2001.