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**TITLE: Introduction to Homiletics**

**TERM: Fall 2018**

**PROFESSOR:** Deacon Peter Lovrick

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_

UNLIMITED \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

*Introduction to Homiletics* is a one-semester course that gives students the opportunity to look at the theology, tradition and practice of Catholic preaching. Students will examine particular questions, issues and challenges in homiletics from a Catholic perspective, survey the development of preaching throughout Church history, and articulate the characteristics and practice of good preaching. This course is a prerequisite for Advanced Homiletics.

**COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:**

1. define the Catholic understanding of homily;
2. identify what the Church asks of its homilists;
3. differentiate Catholic liturgical preaching from preaching in other situations and in other traditions;
4. determine and respond to key issues, challenges and questions in homiletics;
5. identify the characteristics of outstanding preaching;
6. explain methods for preparing to preach;
7. identify important developments in the history of Catholic preaching;

**PREREQUISITES:** none

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Waznak, Robert. *An Introduction to the Homily*. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1998.

Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics. *The State of Homiletics in the Seminaries and Graduate Schools of Theology in the United States: A White Paper of the Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics*, 2002. <http://www.cathomiletics.org/whitepaper.htm>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly*, 1982. <http://www.usccb.org/plm/fiyh.pdf>

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. *The Homiletic Directory*, 2015. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/HomileticDirectory.pdf>

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Compare and Contrast Paper  
Interview of a Preacher  
Blackboard postings (weekly)  
Presentation