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TITLE: Priestly Spirituality

TERM: September – December 2018 [20189]

PROFESSOR: Hogan, James (Séamus) P.

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO _____

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course offers an opportunity to explore the reality of the diocesan priesthood in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. We will move from an examination of the identity and nature of the priest to a detailed study of the spirituality of the diocesan priest. Examining its foundations in the scriptures as well as the Trinitarian and ecclesiological dimensions of the priesthood we will establish a framework of priestly life, upon which, a spirituality might be built. Topics covered will include aspects of priestly life and ministry, such as the importance of being with Christ in prayer, the celebration of the sacraments (in particular the Eucharist and penance), living out the evangelical counsels, and the challenges that each priest must engage in as he exercises his priesthood in the parish setting with and for the people of God, as one family, an integral unit of the diocese and universal Church.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: By the end of the course students should be able to:

- 1) Explain the development of the diocesan priesthood in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church.
- 2) Describe the Church's expectations for the priest.
- 3) Explain the unique nature of priestly spirituality, both theoretically and in the context of ministry.
- 4) Appropriate and engage in a personalized and holistic spirituality.
- 5) Recognize the facets of spiritual integrity including psychological maturity and sociological consciousness.
- 6) Recognize the importance of planning and time management relating to their personal and professional lives.

PREREQUISITES:

REQUIRED TEXTS: The course reader will be available for purchase at St. Augustine's Seminary's reception desk prior to the start of classes

Excerpts of magisterial documents on the topic of the priesthood will be distributed each week.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Participation (discussion & presentation)	25%
Reflection Paper (3 pages) due October 1	10%
Mid-term Exam (written) October 18	15%
Reflection Paper (3 pages) due November 1	10%
Reflection Paper (3 pages) due November 22	10%
Final Exam (take home written) due December 13	30%

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