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THEO 223-02  SACRAMENTS TODAY
Fall 2014  Wednesdays 4:30-7:15 p.m.
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Office Hours: by appointment

COURSE OVERVIEW
This course examines the history, theology and celebration of sacraments. It begins by looking at sacraments as rituals and as liturgical actions of the Christian community, relating formal sacraments to daily life and the world in which we live, and considering at length the notion of participation in sacramental liturgies. Then we will study the development of each of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church, and, against this historical backdrop, look at the current liturgical rituals for each of these sacraments today, as revised in the late 20th century by the Second Vatican Council.

TEXTS
3. All other required readings, including articles and liturgical rites, are available on Canvas.

REQUIREMENTS
Class attendance
Students are expected to attend all classes, to have completed reading assignments and reading guides prior to class, to bring relevant texts to class, to voice questions, and to participate in class discussions. In borderline cases, the quality of a student's participation may be used in lowering or raising the final grade. Unexcused absence may result in lowering the final grade.

Note: Texts to be discussed as directed on the syllabus MUST be brought to class.

Participation  10% of final grade
Intelligent participation in class discussions and attention during class make up 10% of the final grade.

Tests  40% of final grade
Four in-class tests will be given on the assigned reading and class presentations. Dates are noted on the syllabus. An unexcused absence on the day of a test will result in a failing grade on that test. Makeup tests may be arranged but must be negotiated with the instructor in advance.

Short Quizzes  10% of final grade
Several short quizzes on assigned readings for 5-10 minutes in class or on Canvas.

Reflection Papers  20% of final grade
Four reflection papers are assigned, due on the dates shown on the syllabus. Details on content and length will be provided on Canvas. Extensions may be given but students MUST contact the instructor by the due date about a late assignment or no credit will be given.

Final Exam  20% of final grade
A comprehensive final exam will cover material from the tests, readings, and class presentations.

Required, Ungraded Written Responses (WR)
Ungraded but required written responses will be due nearly each day that class meets (see syllabus). These will not be graded; instead, each will either receive credit or no credit. See below for calculation of final grades. These assignments may NOT be made up after the deadline. They will consist of brief
writing assignments, usually related to the assigned readings. Students must submit these on Canvas by **NOON** the day of class.

**FINAL GRADE**

The final grade will be calculated as given above, as long as the student has successfully completed **enough of the ungraded assignments to qualify for that grade.** To qualify for an A- or A, for example, students must earn the appropriate average (see scale below) and **also** successfully complete at least 12 of the 14 Written Responses. For a final grade in the B range (B- to B+), students must complete at least 11 of the 14 Written Responses.

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[number and percentage of 14 ungraded assignments which must be completed to earn the above grades]

For example, a student who earns a 90% (B+) average on graded work but only completes 10 (71%) of the Written Responses will receive a final grade of C+. With a graded average of 90% (B+) and 11 completed Written Responses, the student will receive a B+. A student can miss two WR assignment without any penalty.

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**THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT GRADING GUIDELINES**

Grades indicate a professor’s assessment of a student’s academic performance and not a student’s effort.

A (92-100) = Exceptional academic performance (that is, uncommonly high academic achievement, which demonstrates mastery of the subject matter, uncommon skills in critical analysis and effective communication, and imagination)

B (84-91) = Good academic performance (that is, high quality academic achievement; demonstrated competency in the discipline above the average or standard)

C (76-83) = Satisfactory academic performance (that is, academic achievement that meets an average or standard level of competency in the discipline)

D (68-75) = Minimal academic performance, sufficient to pass

F (67-0) = Failure

The Grading of Participation

A = The student is consistently well prepared for class, actively listens, contributes thought-provoking insights.

B = The student is prepared for class and demonstrates thoughtful engagement with the material.

C = The student is inconsistently prepared for class and is infrequently engaged with the material.

D = The student is minimally prepared for class and shows a lack of interest in the course material.

F = The student shows lack of interest in the course, is frequently late or absent, and regularly demonstrates a lack of commitment to the class.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

Students may see me before or after class, or contact me by email to arrange another time to meet (besle@xavier.edu). If necessary, students may call me at home, before 10:00 p.m. at 513 871-8963 or on my cell 513 205-2002.
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| 1. 8-27| **Introduction to the course**  
**SACRAMENTS AS RITUAL AND LITURGY**  
Foundations – The Sacramental Principle  
Sacraments in human experience  
Christ and Church as Sacraments  
Sacraments as rituals, Sacraments as liturgy  
*Quiz on syllabus in class* | **--Reading Guides are on Canvas--**  
**STUDENTS MUST BRING READINGS AND COMPLETED READING GUIDES TO CLASS**  
- Dubus  
- Syllabus |
| 2. 9-3 | **Trinity as a relationship of self-giving love**  
Sacraments draw Christians into life of Trinity  
Rituals form participants  
Christian liturgy celebrates Paschal Mystery  
Ways Christ is present in liturgy  
*REFLECTION PAPER 1 DUE*  
*Short Quiz 1* | **Himes**  
**Gaillardetz Introduction, pp. xi-xix**  
**Gaillardetz Ch. 6, pp. 47-56**  
**Pembroke**  
**Gaillardetz Ch. 1-2, pp. 1-21**  
- *(Written Response) WR 1* |
| 3. 9-10| **Vatican Council II on liturgy and sacraments**  
Participation in liturgy / sacraments  
Three Levels of Participation  
*Short Quiz 2* | **Gaillardetz Ch. 3, pp. 22-30**  
**Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Ch. 1, 2, & 3**  
**Searle Ch. 1-2, pp. 1-14, 15-45**  
- *WR 2* |
| 4. 9-17| **The Inward/Contemplative Dimension of Liturgy**  
The Outward/Public Dimension of Liturgy  
State of Vatican II Liturgical Reform  
*TEST 1 on Sacraments in General* | **Searle Ch. 3-4, pp. 46-88**  
- *WR 3* |
| 5. 9-24| **BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION**  
History and Theology of Baptism & Confirmation  
Vatican II Theology of Baptism  
Vatican II Recovers the Catechumenate  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults overview  
*Short Quiz 3* | **Apostolic Tradition**  
**PowerPoints on Baptism History Parts I-V**  
**Christian Initiation, General Introduction**  
reread Gaillardetz Ch. 1  
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] excerpts, n. 1-68**  
- *WR 4* |
| 6. 10-1| **RCIA Steps and Stages**  
RCIA: Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil  
*Short Quiz 4 on Canvas*  
*REFLECTION PAPER 2 DUE* | **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults excerpts n. 75-170, n. 206-251**  
- *WR 5* |
| 7. 10-8| **Baptism of infants and young children**  
Rite of Confirmation  
Different uses of confirmation today  
Implications of reformed baptism rites  
*Short Quiz 5* | **Johnson, “Back Home to the Font”**  
**Rite of Baptism for Children**  
**Rite of Confirmation**  
**PowerPoint on Rite of Confirmation and Adolescent Confirmation**  
- *WR 6* |
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| 8.   | 10-15 | **TEST 2** on Baptism and Confirmation*  
* Eucharist  
History and Theology of the Eucharist  
Shape of the Mass  
Introductory Rites  
Liturgy of the Word | • Moore, “The Mass Through the Ages”  
• Gaillardetz Ch. 9, pp. 76-85  
• General Instruction of the Roman Missal excerpts, nos. 1-71  
• View PowerPoints on Parts of the Mass  
• WR 7 |
| 9.   | 10-22 | Liturgy of the Eucharist  
Living the Eucharist  
The Eucharistic Prayer  
Communion Rite  
Concluding Rite  
Eucharist and Social Justice  
* Short Quiz 6* | • General Instruction of the Roman Missal excerpts, nos. 72-352  
• View PowerPoints on Parts of the Mass  
• Gaillardetz Ch. 8, pp. 66-74  
• Fink, “Living the Sacrifice of Christ”  
• Eucharistic Prayers  
• WR 8 |
| 10.  | 10-29 | **TEST 3** on Eucharist*  
**Penance**  
History and Theology of Penance  
Rite of Penance | • Bausch  
• Rite of Penance  
• WR 9 |
| 11.  | 11-5  | **Anointing of the Sick**  
History and Theology of Anointing the Sick  
Rite of Anointing of the Sick  
* Short Quiz 7*  
* REFLECTION PAPER 3 DUE* | • Larson-Miller  
• Morrill  
• Pastoral Care of the Sick and Rite of Anointing the Sick  
• WR 10 |
| 12.  | 11-12 | State of Reform of “Sacraments of Healing”  
* TEST 4** on Penance & Anointing of the Sick*  
**Marriage**  
History of Marriage as a Sacrament  
Theology of Marriage | • Searle on Marriage  
• Gaillardetz Ch. 12, pp. 102-110  
• WR 11 |
| 13.  | 11-19 | Rite of Marriage  
Evaluating some current wedding customs  
* Short Quiz 8* | • Rite of Marriage  
• Covino  
• WR 12 |
| 11-26 | * Thanksgiving break – no class* |
| 14.  | 12-3  | **Holy Orders**  
History and Theology of Orders  
Vatican II on Ordained Ministry  
* REFLECTION PAPER 4 DUE* | • Fink on Ordination  
• Gaillardetz Ch. 13, pp. 111-119  
• WR 13 |
| 15.  | 12-10 | Rite of Ordination  
* Short Quiz 9*  
Wrap up and review of course’s major themes | • Rite of Ordination excerpts  
• WR 14 |
| 12-17 | **CUMULATIVE FINAL EXAM**  
4:30 – 6:20 | Bring a BLUE BOOK |