

Description

Students who have completed the entire Foundations of Preaching cycle engage in this advanced master's level study of the theology, craft, and praxis of preaching in relation to the semester's topic: "Doctrinal Preaching." 2 credits

Objectives

1. To seek theological understanding of the historical formation of doctrine as it pertains to the praxis of the ministry of the Word
2. To consider the varying perspectives on doctrine with respect to both preacher and listener
3. To take a praxis-theory-praxis approach to doctrinal aspects of preaching vis-à-vis:
 - The preacher's operative understanding of Christian doctrine in terms of the human person, Christ, and God
 - Catholic Social Teaching (or equivalent denominational resources)
 - The Catechism of the Catholic Church (or equivalent denominational documents)
 - Preaching the seasons of the liturgical year and preaching doctrinal feasts
4. To preach within the class and to evaluate and set goals for continuing growth as a preacher

Assigned Books (These Books and Articles are representative assignments—the list may be amended over the summer. Please do not purchase before August 1)

Davis OFM Conv, Kenneth G., and Leopoldo Perez OMI (eds). *Preaching the Teaching: Hispanics, Homiletics, and Catholic Social Justice Doctrine*. Scranton PA: University of Scranton Press, 2004.
 Heille, Gregory (ed). *Essays on Vision and Mission in the Pulpit*. London: Melisende, 2001.
 Van Harn, Roger (ed.). *Exploring and Proclaiming the Apostles Creed*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2004.

Assigned Articles

Beck, Don. "Spiral Dynamics: The Never-Ending Upward Quest" In *What Is Enlightenment 22* (Fall/Winter 2002): 105–26. Available as Adobe Acrobat document at www.wie.org/spiral/content/spiraldynamics.pdf.

Hilkert, Mary Catherine. "Experience and Revelation." In *The Praxis of the Reign of God: An Introduction to the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx*, 2nd edition, ed. Mary Catherine Hilkert and Robert J. Schreier. New York: Fordham University Press, 2002: 59–77.

Houseknecht, Eric. "A Study of Doctrinal Preaching: Patristic, Mendicant Orders, Modern Monastic Life," 43 pp. DMin in Preaching Research Paper, Aquinas Institute of Theology, 2006.

Kysar, Robert. "New Doctrinal Preaching for a New Century." *Journal for Preachers*, 20 no. 3 (1997): 17–22.

Macpherson, Duncan Macleod. "Doctrinal Preaching," 3 pp. In *Abingdon Handbook on Preaching*. Unpublished manuscript.

McGarry CSP, Michael, "Jews, Christians, and the Gospels: Replacing Barriers with Bridges," 22 pp. Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity Preaching Symposium, 9 October 2006.

Van Seters, Arthur. "Dilemmas in Preaching Doctrine : Declericalizing Proclamation." *Journal for Preachers*, 17 no. 3 (1994): 31–40.

Reference Works

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd ed. Washington DC: United States Catholic Conference, 2000. At www.vatican.va/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm.

Hall, Douglas John. *Professing the Faith: Christian Theology in a North American Context*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993.

Evaluation

A point system will be used in grading, half for class preparation and discussion of reading and half for preaching preparation, delivery, and evaluation.