UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2014
Instructor: Fr. John D. Laurance, S.J.
Course #: THEO 4340/5340
Section: 101
Course Title: Sacraments & Christian Life

Description:

This course begins by examining the role of the church’s sacramental liturgy within both the whole of salvation history and the church’s overall witness and activity in the world. Students are next taken through an overview of the history and meaning of each of the traditional seven sacraments in the life of the church: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Eucharist, Marriage, Reconciliation, and the Anointing of the Sick. Ecumenical differences will be noted and investigated, especially in regard to the Eucharist. Special attention will be placed on the Eucharist as the center of Christian ecclesial life, along with some of its accompanying liturgical symbols.

Among course requirements is an 8-12 paged theology research paper on a Christian liturgy-related topic, plus two tests in the course of the semester in addition to a final exam.