UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2014
Instructor: Fr. John D. Laurance, S.J.
Course #: THEO 4350/5350
Section: 101
Course Title: The Eucharist

Description:

THEO 4350/5350, Section 101, first investigates the development of Eucharistic theology from its biblical foundations through the course of history, and then provides an analysis of the theology of the Eucharist as manifested in a typical Sunday eucharistic celebration in a American Catholic parish today.

The course aims at that level of understanding needed for "full, conscious, and active participation" in this central mystery of the Christian life (SC, 14). Special attention will be given as to the Eucharist as ritual: celebrated in ritual times (feasts and seasons) and spaces (development of church architecture through the centuries), as well as with ritual music, vestments, and symbols.

Among course requirements are two Eucharist-related book reviews, attendance at a Sunday Byzantine liturgy at St. George's Melchite Church on 16th & State Street, and two tests in addition to a final exam.