GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2012
Instructor: Fr. John D. Laurance, S.J., Ph.D.
Course #: THEO 4350/5350 (5350 component is restricted to graduate students)
Course Title: The Eucharist

Content:

THEO 2310, Section 101, studies both the history of the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist from its biblical origins to the present day, especially the Catholic Mass of Paul VI, and its theological meaning for Christian living today. The course aims at that level of understanding called for by Vatican II as necessary for full, conscious, and active participation in this central mystery of the Christian life and meaning. Special attention throughout the course will be given 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.

Format:
Lecture and class discussion

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Occasional short reflection papers, including a written analysis of a Sunday Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass at one of the Christian churches in the area;
- four tests in the course of the semester including the mid-semester and final exams;
- a short research paper on a Eucharist-related topic.

Language Pre-requisites:

- English