UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2013
Instructor: John D. Laurance, S.J.
Course #: THEO 4350/5350
Section: 101
Course Title: The Eucharist

Description:

THEO 4350/5350, Section 101, begins with a study of the development of Eucharistic theology from biblical times through the course of history, followed by an analysis of the theology of the Eucharist as manifested in a typical Sunday eucharistic celebration in an American Catholic parish 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. Special attention in the second section of the course 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.

The course calls for reports on two brief additional readings, class attendance at a Sunday Byzantine liturgy in the area followed by a written report, a possible in-class brief student presentation, and four tests including the mid-semester and final exams.