

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Rev. John Laurance, S.J., Ph.D.
Course #: THEO 4340
Section: 101
Course Title: **Sacraments and Christian Life**

Description:

The course begins with a theological examination of the essential role that the seven sacraments as liturgy play within the whole of salvation history and the Church's overall witness and activity in the world. This will be followed by a theological overview of each of major sacramental enactments of the church's life in Christ, with special emphasis on the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist). Next the sacrament of penance will be considered within the larger context of the need for reconciliation in our world today. Finally, the need for an authentic spirituality of marriage will be addressed within a theology of Christian Marriage as a Sacrament of the Church.

Required texts:

- (1) Bouley, Allan. *Catholic Rites Today*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1992
- (2) John Paul II. *Reconciliation and Penance*. Available in full-text for free online at: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_02121984_reconciliatio-et-paenitentia_en.html
- (3) Osborne, Kenan. *The Christian Sacraments of Initiation*. NY: Paulist, 1987.
- (4) Gaillardetz, Richard. *A Daring Promise*. NY: Crossroad, 2002.
- (5) Louis-Marie Chauvet, *The Sacraments: The Word of God at the Mercy of the Body*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2001
- (6) Robert Cabié, *History of the Mass*. Portland, OR: Pastoral Press, 1992.