

**ST. PETER'S SEMINARY / KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**at *The University of Western Ontario* Fall**  
**Semester / 2015-16**

**PASTORAL THEOLOGY – 5171A**  
**INTRODUCTION TO LAY MINISTRY**  
**Mondays**  
**1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course engages the Post Vatican II directives and renewed vision of the laity and implications for the mission of the Church in the modern world. It examines the history of ministry, and explores the theology, function, and fundamental principles of ministry. Current issues and challenges will be identified and critiqued in light of their pastoral implications.

**B. GOALS**

This course will assist students to grow in the following knowledge, skills and attitudes:

***Knowledge:***

1. understand the nature of lay ministry as set forth in Church documents
2. examine the history of lay ministry in the Church bringing us to the current day
3. identify the role to which the baptized are called
4. discuss the various methods of lay ministry as lived out today
5. uncover ethical issues in ministry

***Skills:***

1. develop and articulate their own personal vision for ministry
2. identify current issues and challenges in ministry
3. exercise conversation and dialogue skills
4. analyze Church documents
5. develop approaches for dealing with controversy
6. identify and exercise professional responsibility in ministry
7. reflect on the minister's relationship to the Church
8. review various methods for growing in holiness
9. demonstrate fluency in spoken and written English

***Attitudes:***

1. celebrate the richness of our Baptismal call
2. appreciate the history of lay involvement in the Church
3. appreciate the exploration of various approaches to lay ministry as lived out today in the Church and in the World
4. develop an openness to new ideas, respect for others, and hospitality
5. appreciate how Canon Law is an instrument of the pastoral mission of the Church and how it can serve one's own pastoral ministry
6. reflect on one's own perceptions about growth in spiritual life

### C. ASSESSMENT

1. Students will complete one (1) Reflective Reading Assignment. 15%
2. Students will complete a final paper on a related topic. This will be in two parts:
  - the submission of a topic statement along with the rationale for this topic
  - the submission of the final 5-7 page paper. 40%
3. Student's presence, as well as active and informed participation in class 15%
4. Students will take a final oral exam allowing them to demonstrate the knowledge and skills gained through this course. 30%

### D. READINGS OR TEXTBOOKS

#### A. Required:

- Fox, Zeni (editor), *Lay Ecclesial Ministry: Pathways Toward the Future*. Maryland: Rowan & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2010.

#### B. Recommended:

- See Bibliography below.

### E. STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

#### September 14<sup>th</sup> (Week 1)

##### *Course Introduction*

- Introduction of Self and Desired Outcome from this course
- Review of Syllabus and Course Requirements
- Discussion on Alternate Date for Fallow Week
- Instruction regarding the Reflective Reading Assignment
- Reflection and Discussion on Lay Ecclesial Ministry

#### September 21<sup>st</sup> (Week 2)

##### *The Vocation of the Laity*

**READ:** **Handout:** Ave Maria University Publication, *The Essential Role of the Laity*  
Paul VI, *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, Apostolicam Actuositatem* – Introduction, Chapters I and II

#### September 28<sup>th</sup> (Week 3)

##### *The Various Fields and Forms of the Apostolate*

**READ:** Paul VI, *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, Apostolicam Actuositatem* – Chapters III and IV

**Text** – Chapter 3: Emil A. Wcela – *Ministry in the New Testament*

- **Topic Statement for Final Paper and Rational Due!** (1-2 pages)

#### October 5<sup>th</sup> (Week 4)

##### *Lay Ministry in the Diocese of London*

GUEST LECTURER: Mrs. Laura Reilly, Director of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

**READ:** Diocese of London, *Diocesan Task Force* (Handout)

**Text** – Chapter 4: Thomas F. O'Meara – *Being a Ministering Church: Insights from History*

## October 12<sup>th</sup>

*Thanksgiving Day ... and we have much to be grateful for!*

## **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (Week 5) Proposed Date for Class Missed During Fallow Week; to be discussed**

*Present Day Ministry and What the Future May Hold*

**READ:** Vatican II: *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium* – Chapter IV  
**Text** – Chapter 5: Edward P. Hahnenberg – *Theology of Lay Ecclesial Ministry: Future Trajectories*

## October 19<sup>th</sup> (Week 6)

*Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Canon Law*

**READ:** *Code of Canon Law: The Obligations and Rights of All the Christian Faithful* (Cann. 208-223) and *The Obligations and Rights of The Lay Christian Faithful* (Cann. 224-231)  
**Text** – Chapter 7: Sharon A. Euart, RSM, *Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Parish Leadership Options: Canonical Reflection in Light of Co-Workers in the Vineyard*

➤ **Reflective Reading Assignment Due!** (2-3 pages)

## October 26<sup>th</sup>

*Fallow Week*

## November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Week 7)

*The Dignity of the Lay Faithful*

**READ:** Vatican II: *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium* – Chapter V  
John Paul II, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World, Christifideles Laici* – Introduction and Chapter I

## November 9<sup>th</sup> (Week 8)

*Participation of the Lay Faithful*

**READ:** John Paul II, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World, Christifideles Laici* – Chapter II  
Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario: *Lay Pastoral Associates in Parish Settings*

## November 16<sup>th</sup> (Week 9)

*Co-Responsible Ministry*

**READ:** John Paul II, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World, Christifideles Laici* – Chapter III  
Benedict XVI, *Opening of the Pastoral Convention of the Diocese of Rome on the Theme: "Church Membership and Pastoral Co-Responsibility"*

➤ **Final Paper Due!** (5-7 pages)

### **November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Week 10)**

#### *Formation of the Lay Faithful*

**READ:** John Paul II, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World, Christifideles Laici* – Chapter V

Francis, *The Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World, Evangelii Gaudium* – Par. 102

**Text** – Chapter 9: Juliana Casey, IHM, *Formation for Lay Ministry: Learnings from Religious Life*

### **November 30<sup>th</sup> (Week 11)**

#### *Ethics in Lay Ecclesial Ministry*

**READ:** Diocese of London, *A Safe Environment Policy for the Diocese of London*

**Handout** based on *Ethics in Pastoral Ministry* by Richard M. Gula, S.S.

### **December 7<sup>th</sup> (Week 12)**

#### *Responsibility in Ministry*

**READ:** Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Responsibility in Ministry: A Statement of Commitment*

## **F. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com *http://www.turnitin.com.*"

**Students are responsible** for knowing the University's academic policies and regulations and any particularities of their own course of study. Ignorance of these policies is not an excuse for any violation thereof. The following policies are particularly important to note:

**Submission of Assignments:** It is the responsibility of the student to organize his or her work so that the assignments are completed on time. A penalty of 10% of the value of the assignment will be deducted for each day it is overdue without permission.

**Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt by quotation marks and/or footnotes. Plagiarism is a major academic offense. Students may be required to submit their work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

**Selection and Registration of Courses:** Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded, that all prerequisite course(s) have been successfully completed, and that they are aware of any anti-requisite course(s) that they have taken.

### **Support Services**

Students who are in emotional/mental health distress should refer to Mental Health@Western: <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

University Students Council provides many valuable support services for students (including the health insurance plan) <http://westernusc.ca/services/>.

### **Information about Counselling and Student Development, including Services for Students with Disabilities at King's is available at**

<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/who-we-are/administrative-departments/dean-of-students/>

**For emotional/mental health assistance see specifically:** <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/currentstudents/campus-services/student-support-services/personal-counselling/>

**The web site for Academic Services at King's University College is** <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/currentstudents/academic-support/>

These services are not meant to replace those offered at the Seminary, but may be beneficial to our students after consultation with the appropriate instructors, administrators, and formators.

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