

ST. PETER'S SEMINARY/KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
at *The University of Western Ontario*

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION II 5242B

The Eucharist

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Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:20 a.m., Room 102

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A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the theology of the Eucharist developed in its biblical, systematic, and ecumenical sources, explaining the themes of sacrament, sacrifice and communion.

B. GOALS

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

Knowledge

1. To understand the place of the Eucharist within the life of the Church.
2. To know the key biblical themes which underpin the Church's teaching on the Eucharist.
3. To understand the main lines of the Patristic and Medieval contributions to the Church's Eucharistic tradition.
4. To grasp the content and meaning of key Magisterial teachings on the nature of the Eucharist.
5. To be familiar with some of the contemporary theological developments on the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Skills

1. To be able to articulate clearly in preaching and teaching the Church's key teachings on the nature of the Eucharist.

Attitudes

1. To appreciate more fully the significance of the Eucharist in the life of the

- individual Christian and in the communion of the Church.
2. To deepen within the student a love and personal adherence to the gift of the Eucharist.

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

1. Based on the teachings of (1) Pope John Paul's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, (2) Pope Benedict XVI's *Sacramentum Caritatis*, and (3) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos. 1322-1419), each student will be required to submit either (a) a one-session presentation to Eucharistic ministers on the topic of eucharistic theology, OR, (b) a one-session R.C.I.A. presentation on the Eucharist. Whether for R.C.I.A. or for Eucharistic Ministers, the presentation is to include any prayers, musical suggestions, discussion questions, and timeline that would be used. The theological content of the evening is to be typed out in long form, with sources cited. This assignment will have the value of 35% of your final mark. It is due at the beginning of class on **February 16, 2016**.
2. Each student will be asked to join into a team of two (or three if necessary), and to give a 30-minute presentation on one of the topics listed below. The text of the presentation will be submitted after the presentation is given. The presentation and text together are worth 35% of the final mark. The presentations will be given in the following order:
 1. The Theology of Eucharist in Ecumenical Dialogues (Mar. 8)
 2. The Theology of the Mass Offering (Mar. 8)
 3. Models for Preparing Children for First Communion (Mar. 15)
 4. Models for Preparing Parents of First Communion Children (Mar. 15)
 5. The Eucharist in Art (Mar. 22)
 6. The Question of Intercommunion (Mar. 22)
 7. The Theology and Practice of Eucharistic Adoration (March 29)
3. There will be a 15-minute oral exam at the end of the term on selected parts of the course, worth 30% of the final mark.

D REQUIRED READINGS

1. Course packet (available at University Bookstore)
2. Pope John Paul II, Letter, *Dominicae Cenaes*, 1980.
3. Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 2007

E. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Students are responsible for knowing the University's academic policies and regulations and any particularities of their own course of study. These can all be found at the University's website (<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>). Ignorance of these policies is not an excuse for any violation thereof.