

# **THE ART OF THE PRESIDER 5544B**

## **ST. PETER'S SEMINARY**

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Tuesdays 1:30 – 4:30 PM

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“In addition, the nature of the ministerial priesthood also puts into its proper light another reality, which must indeed be highly regarded, namely, the royal priesthood of the faithful, whose spiritual sacrifice is brought to completeness through the ministry of the Bishop and the priests in union with the sacrifice of Christ, the one and only Mediator. For the celebration of the Eucharist is an action of the whole Church, and in it each one should carry out solely but completely that which pertains to him or her, in virtue of the rank of each within the People of God. In this way greater consideration will also be given to some aspects of the celebration that have sometimes been accorded less attention in the course of time. For this people is the People of God, purchased by Christ's Blood, gathered together by the Lord, nourished by his word. It is a people called to bring to God the prayers of the entire human family, a people giving thanks in Christ for the mystery of salvation by offering his Sacrifice. Finally, it is a people made one by sharing in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Though holy in its origin, these people nevertheless grows continually in holiness by its conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist.”

General Instruction on the Roman Missal, 5

### **Required Reading**

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal – Supplied

Turner, Paul. At The Supper of The Lamb: A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass. Chicago: The Liturgical Press, 2010. – Supplied

(\$50 will be required from each student to offset the cost of the texts and course packages.)

### **Suggested Texts**

Smolarski, Dennis C., S.J. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 1969-2002. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2003

Turner, Paul. A Guide to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2003.

Turner, Paul. Pastoral Companion to The Roman Missal. Franklin Park: World Library Publications, 2010.

In addition to these books, it is assumed that those ordained to the order of deacon will either own or have access to the Documents of Vatican II, in addition to the Rites of the Church and their accompanying pastoral notes. Other documents issued from the Holy See will be examined if they are released during the duration of this course.

Due to the limitations of time, the reformed rites of the Pope Paul VI will be the only ones examined in the upcoming months.

### **Purpose of The Course**

The purpose of this course is to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the roles of both the presider and the assembly in the praise and worship of God. The ritual books of the Roman Catholic Church will be examined to determine their operative theology, their proper execution and the spirituality intrinsic therein.

### **Course Requirements**

In cooperation with the instructor, the students will examine the Sacramentary for the celebration of the Eucharist, as well as the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, the proposed Pastoral Notes and other necessary materials.

There are two (2) assignments in this course.

- 1) Each student will be expected by the end of the semester to “celebrating mass” for the critique of both the instructor and his peers. Any liturgy from the church’s year is appropriate.
- 2) The second requirement is a presentation of your analysis and critique of the ritual assigned to you.

### **About The Presentations**

Students will be required to submit a written summary of the ritual that has been assigned to them. The written summary is to be no less than five pages and no more than ten pages and should include highlights of the rubrics and theology from the particular instruction.

After circulating this summary to the class, an oral presentation will be required. The written summaries are to be duplicated and circulated no less than one class prior to the oral presentation.

Students should be prepared to answer questions and to lead the discussion.

Finally, the student will be required to act as the presider at that particular rite.

## Grading

The grades in the class will be determined by the instructor in junction with the individual student and his peers.

## Statement on Plagiarism:

Students must write their and 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 in footnotes. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see "Scholastic Offence Policy" in the Western Academic Calendar). The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism. Students may be required to submit their work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

## Schedule of Classes

### September

13	Syllabus/Overview/Expectations	
20	GIRM/History/Article Discussion	
27	The Introductory Rites	(M. Bechard)

### October

4	The Liturgy of the Word	(M. Bechard)
11	The Liturgy of the Eucharist	(M. Bechard)
18	The Concluding Rites	(M. Bechard)
25	Sacrament of Baptism	(C. Bouvette)

### November

1	Sacrament of Confirmation	(O. Burns)
8	Sacrament of Marriage	(C. Pietraszko)
15	Mass of Christian Burial	(J. Redmond)
22	No Class	
29	Blessings and Sacramentals	(G. Roth)

### December

6	Review	
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