

Rationale of the Course

- Theology students are given an experience of ministry within the setting of the Catholic Schools.
- It is an opportunity for students to get a first-hand experience of teaching the faith in a public setting.
- Working under the supervision of experienced Catholic teachers and the parish pastoral staff, the students learn ways of engaging young people and teaching them about the faith.
- The theology students see the role of faith-filled and enthusiastic Catholic teachers in handing on the faith, reassuring them that they are not alone in catechesis.
- The involvement of theology students assist them in better understanding the *world* of young people (i.e. their struggles, stresses, and dreams) and, in turn, assisting the students to develop methods for bringing the Gospel message into the *world* of young people.
- Theology students develop methods of interacting with various age groups of young people, sharing faith with them, and working co-responsibly with others in ministry.
- Theology students will learn the importance of integrating the spirit of the New Evangelization in their ministry.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION REPORTS

(300 – 350 words) submitted to

Professor Bernardine Ketelaars by 3:00 p.m.

October 23, 2014; November 20, 2014;

February 12, 2015; March 12, 2015.

Final Paper (5-7 pages) Due: April 7, 2015

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION GROUP 7:00 P.M.

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Requirements

- **THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION FORMATION SEMINAR –**
The Art of Theological Reflection
Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Complete **Release of Information** form.
- Complete **Student Learning Contract** - identifying areas of needed personal, pastoral, and professional growth. *How these objectives are to be accomplished is to be discussed with your Placement Supervisor.*
- Meet with the Director of Field Education to review objectives for growth prior to beginning ministry. *[Please contact me directly to schedule an appointment prior to September 19th.]*
- Orientation Workshop with Religion Consultant of the LDCSB – Mr. Joseph Bezzina, Pastoral Staff Members, and Principals connected with Parish Based Formation Groups

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. (TBC)

Visitations are held on Wednesdays

1st Semester: September 17th to December 3rd

2nd Semester: January 7th to March 25th

- Four Theological Reflection Reports – *two per semester*
- Four Group Theological Reflection Formation Evenings – *two per semester*
- Parish Pastoral Team Supervisor submits a written evaluation to Director of Field Education at the end of the academic year
- The **completed Student Learning Contract and Accountability Form** are to be submitted to the Director of Field Education by **Thursday, April 9, 2015.**
- Theology students are to meet with the Director of Field Education to review the goals and objectives toward the end of **each semester.**

Year-End Theological Reflection Paper (5-7 pages) is to be submitted by Theology students to indicate how one has integrated *The Art of Theological Reflection* and developed an *integrated pastoral identity.*

Mode of Evaluation: Pass or Fail

To receive a Pass Grade the requirements are:

1. Four theological reflection papers submitted timely (Late submission is regarded as fail)
2. Year-End Theological Reflection Paper
3. Completion of Student Learning Contract objectives
4. Evaluation from the parish pastoral team-supervisor.

