

Pastoral Theology 5571

Missiology & Evangelization

WINTER 2014

MONDAYS 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation Classroom (115), St. Peter's Seminary

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Though not always required, it is best to book appointments ahead of time

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will look at the nature of the Church's pastoral and evangelical mission. Themes include the theology of mission, the relationship of faith and culture, and the *New Evangelization*. Reflection and discussion will focus on the pastoral skills necessary to animate the Church's evangelizing spirit in a rapidly changing world.

B. GOALS

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

Knowledge: To gain a deeper sense of the Scriptural, theological, and historical background of the Church's missionary and evangelical nature.

Skills: To acquire pastoral skills that will aid in bringing a lived missionary and evangelizing attitude to a parish setting.

Attitudes: To grow in the desire to be active leaders and participants in the Church's outreach to our contemporary culture.

C. ASSESSMENT

- 30% Attendance and active participation in class; knowledge of the assigned readings will be evident through contribution to in-class discussions
- 20% Theological Reflection Paper (4-5 pages) due **Monday, February 23, 2015**
Reflect on the theological differences and similarities between "Missiology" and the "New Evangelization".

Pastoral Case Study (Two Parts)

Observe and reflect on evangelization at the parish level; this is not restricted to a Roman Catholic parish. These are to be presented to your colleagues at the end of March.

Some things to consider are: What are the people being invited to? What is attracting them to this particular community of faith? Is the outreach going beyond the people in the pews? How would you envision implementing outreach ministry in your parish?

- 10% Proposal of Pastoral Case Study (2 pages) due **Monday, January 26, 2015**
What parish or ecclesial community will your study focus on? Who will your contact person be? How will you go about obtaining your information?
- 40% Presentation of Pastoral Case Study (20 - 25 minutes)
- **Monday, March 23, 2015**
 - **Monday, March 30, 2015**

D. REQUIRED READING and RESOURCES

- Vatican II, *Ad Gentes: On the mission activity of the Church* (Vatican City: 1965).
http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decree_19651207_ad-gentes_en.html **(Required)**
- Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio: On the permanent validity of the Church's missionary mandate* (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1990).
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_07121990_redemptoris-missio_en.html **(Required)**

- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium: On the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world* (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).
https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html **(Required)**
- Episcopal Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Missionary Dynamic of the Parish Today* (Ottawa, Ontario: Concacan Inc., 2014).
http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/CCCB_Parish_web.pdf **(Required)**
- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, *Strong Catholic Families – Strong Catholic Youth: Family Faith Resource Booklet* (Washington, D.C.: National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, Inc., 2012).
http://www.wecatholicparents.com/Areas/Custom/ContentFiles/PDFs/a2familyfaithresourcebookbw_002.pdf **(Required)**
- Synod of Bishops, XIV Ordinary General Assembly, *Lineamenta: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World* (Vatican City: The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops and Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2014).
http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141209_lineamenta-xiv-assembly_en.html **(Required)**
- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, *On Good Soil: Pastoral Planning for Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults* (Ottawa, Ontario: Concacan Inc., 2011).
(On Reserve SPS Library)
- Stephen Bevens, SVD, *Mission As Nature of the Church: Developments in Catholic Ecclesiology* (Australian eJournal of Theology 21.3: December 2014).
http://aejt.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/694298/AEJT_Mission_as_the_Nature_of_the_Church_Developments_in_Catholic_Ecclesiology_Bevans.pdf?utm_source=AEJT&utm_medium=email_html&utm_campaign=eJournal&utm_content=Vol_21_No_3_2014&utm_term=Mission_as_the_Nature_of_the_Church
- Rino Fisichella, *The New Evangelization: Responding to the Challenge of Indifference* (Herefordshire, England: Gracewing Ltd., 2012). **(On Reserve SPS Library)**
- Robert S. Rivers, CSP, *From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish* (Mahwah, New Jersey: Paulist Press, 2005). **(On Reserve SPS Library)**
- Michael White and Tom Corcoran, *Rebuilt: The Story of a Catholic Parish: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter* (Notre Dame, Indiana: Ave Maria Press, 2013)

E. STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Week 1 (01/05/15)

Course Introduction:

- Introduction of Self and Desired Outcome from this course
- Review of Syllabus and Course Requirements
- What is Missiology? What is Evangelization?
- Reflection on the call to Mission and Evangelization in Sacred Scripture

Week 2 (01/12/15)

The Missionary Activity of the Church

READ: Vatican II, *Ad Gentes* – Sections 1-18

Week 3 (01/19/15)

The Concept of Missioning

READ: Vatican II, *Ad Gentes* – Sections 19-42

- GUEST LECTURER: Mr. Brian Fitzmaurice

Week 4 (01/26/15)

An Introduction to the New Evangelization

READ: John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio* – Sections 1-40

- ***Proposal for Pastoral Case Study Due!***

Week 5 (02/02/15)

Missionary Witnessing – Who and How?

READ: John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio* – Sections 41-92

Week 6 (02/09/15)

Welcome to the 21st Century: A Change of Culture

READ: Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* – Chapters I and II, Sections 1-109

Week 7 (02/16/15)

Conference Week

While catching up on reading and assignments, be sure to take some down-time.

Week 8 (02/23/15)

Dynamic and Effective Proclamation of God's Word

READ: Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* – Chapter III, Sections 110-175

Episcopal Commission for Doctrine, CCCB, *The Missionary Dynamic of the Parish Today*

➤ ***Theological Reflection Paper Due!***

Week 9 (03/02/15)

Creating a Dynamic Evangelizing Parish

READ: *Strong Catholic Families – Strong Catholic Youth: Family Faith Resource Booklet*

➤ GUEST LECTURER: Reverend Brian Jane, Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Amherstburg, Ontario

Week 10 (03/09/15)

Embracing All of God's People

READ: Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* – Chapters IV and V, Sections 176-288

Week 11 (03/15/15)

The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World

READ: Synod of Bishops, XIV Ordinary General Assembly, *Lineamenta: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World* – Preface, Parts I and II along with related Preliminary Questions found at the end of the document.

Week 12 (03/23/15)

➤ PRESENTATIONS of Pastoral Care Study

Week 13 (03/30/15)

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Week 14 (04/06/15)

Evangelizing: A Mission of Hope

READ: Synod of Bishops, XIV Ordinary General Assembly, *Lineamenta: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World* – Part III and Conclusion along with related Preliminary Questions found at the end of the document.
