STD 545 Reconciliation and Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying

Winter 2016-2017

Course Outline*

*Subject to revision by professor

January 5, 2017 - April 6, 2017

Tuesdays 8:30 AM – 10:20 AM; Thursdays 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM

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Course Description

Sin and conversion, sickness and healing in Scripture. The historical and doctrinal development of these sacraments within the Christian tradition. The liturgical celebration of these sacraments and the Order of Christian Funerals, together with pastoral and ecumenical considerations

Course Objectives

a) To understand the sacraments of penance and anointing as healing expressions of God’s saving action in Christ, through the ministry of the church.

b) To understand the biblical background of penance and anointing and how this is to be understood in the light of modern exegesis.

c) To understand the historical development of penance and anointing, and to be able to distinguish what is essential and constant and what is transient in their development.

d) To understand the key magisterial and theological articulation of penance and anointing, i.e. their matter and form, the nature of their sacramental efficacy, what is required for validity, liceity and fruitfulness, and what is required of the ministers and recipients.

e) To understand and articulate the realities of sin, brokenness, sickness and death as well as conversion, wholeness, health, healing and reconciliation from the point of view of faith the Christian response to the above realities particularly through the rites of Penance, Pastoral Care, and Funerals.

f) To appreciate the ritual and theological development of these celebrations through history, such as to critically engage the theological and pastoral questions emerging today.

g) To appreciate these renewed liturgical rites of the Church in their spiritual dimension and in relation to pastoral ministry today.
Graduate Course Assignments and Evaluation

a) Due Thursday, January 12. Answer the following questions, based on Morrill’s book:
   - In chapter 3, Morrill paints a picture of Christ as healer. In a couple of pages, summarize this portrait.
   - “A certain theological understanding is, in the end, essential for the paschal mystery’s being able to govern the practice of liturgy.” Summarize how Morrill lays out this theological understanding in chapter 4, in 2-3 pages.

b) A 5-7 page paper comparing: a) the current rite of reconciliation of individual penitents in the Roman Rite with the equivalent ritual in an Eastern Christian or other ecclesial communion; or b) the current rite of anointing of the sick in the Roman Rite with the equivalent ritual in an Eastern Christian or other ecclesial communion. Briefly outline the structure of each rite and then compare and contrast the ritual, rubrics and prayers to reveal the emphasis and theology embodied in the celebration. Due Tuesday, February 14th at the beginning of class.

c) A 12 page research paper due Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the beginning of class. The paper will be on a theological topic (approved by the instructor) that relates to Penance or Anointing. (Students preparing for the ordained ministry are to do a topic on Penance.) A short text (about half a page) detailing the subject proposed and a preliminary outline and bibliography is to be presented to the professor for approval at least by Tuesday, March 7 or before. This is to be a serious research paper with about 10 sources on your bibliography. Much good information can be found in articles in periodicals.

d) A final oral exam on the material of the course on April 20. Questions and topics will be provided in advance.

e) A final grade will be calculated as follows:

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Textbooks


Recommended Reading


Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, Ottawa: Concacan, 1983.


Course Requirements
All students are required to attend all classes, to do the assigned readings, and to participate in class discussions. Assigned readings will be the basis of class discussion and reflection, and will seek to help integrate the intellectual, pastoral and spiritual dimensions more personally. Class lectures, discussion and the final exam will help to assess the various course objectives states above.

General Academic Information
See the Student Handbook for policies regarding written assignments and plagiarism, pages 13 and 27ff. Late papers will not be accepted. Extensions may be granted for serious reasons including ill health but must be requested before the due date of the assignment.

Course Schedule

Introduction

A world, a people in need of healing and reconciliation
The Paschal Mystery: God heals and saves
The healing economy continues in the Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance

Contemporary questions about sin, conversion, the Sacrament of Penance
Mystery of sin and the mercy of God
Biblical origins of Penance in the ministry of Jesus and the apostolic Church
Historical development of the Sacrament of Penance
  The virtue of penance and Canonical Penance
  Tariff Penance
  Scholastics, Trent, and the Roman Ritual of 1614
  The Renewal of Vatican II
Theology of the Sacrament
The Rite of Penance or Ordo paenitentiae of 1974
Pastoral Issues, Goals and Canonical Directives

Sacrament of Anointing and the Care of the Sick

The experience of sickness, diminishment, and isolation
Biblical origins: oil, anointing, laying on of hands, ministry to the sick
Historical development of Anointing and pastoral care of the sick
  Patristic Era
  Carolingian Era
  Scholastics, Trent, and Roman Ritual of 1614
  The Renewal of Vatican II
Theology of the Sacrament of Anointing
The Pastoral Care of the Sick (1984)
  Rites for the Sick
  Rites for the Dying
Pastoral Issues, Goals and Canonical Directives
Exorcisms and other Rites in Pastoral Care

Christian Funeral Rites

The experience of dying, death, and grieving
The witness of the New Testament
Historical Development of Christian Funeral Rites
The Order of Christian Funerals (1990)
Theology of Christian Funerals
Pastoral Issues, Goals and Canonical Directives

Bibliography

Selected Patristic Sources


Liturgical Books

A) Latin Church


ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS, Concacan, Ottawa 1990.


RITE OF PENCE, Concacan, Ottawa 1975.

THE RITE OF PENANCE in The Rites of the Catholic Church, Volume I, Liturgical Press, Collegeville 1990, 519 – 629. [This edition incorporates the changes in the praeconotanda for the Rite of Penance necessitated by the promulgation of the Code of Canon Law in 1983. The Canadian and US editions of the ritual have not yet been updated.]


B) Other Christian Traditions


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### Magisterial Texts


**COUNCIL OF TRENT, Session XIV (25 November 1551), “Teaching concerning the most holy sacraments of penance and last anointing”** in NORMAN P. TANNER, *Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils 2 (Trent – Vatican II)*, Georgetown University Press, Georgetown 1990, 703 – 713. [See also pages 676 – 677 for Penance; pages 684 – 686 on the Sacraments in general; pages 796 – 797 for Indulgences.]


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### Studies: Penance


ISABEL, LAWRENCE D., The Practice and Meaning of Confession in the Primitive Franciscan Community according to the Writings of St. Francis of Assisi and Thomas of Celano, Assisi 1973.


*PENANCE CELEBRATIONS*, Concacan, Ottawa 1981.


**Studies: Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick**

**AHLSTROM, MICHAEL, PETER GILMOUR, AND ROBERT TUZIK, *A Companion to Pastoral Care of the Sick*, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago 1990.**


**BECKER, ARTHUR, H., *The Compassionate Visitor: Resources for Ministering to People who are Ill*, Augsburg, Minneapolis 1985.**


**CUSCHIERI, ANDREW J., *Anointing of the Sick: A Theological and Canonical Study*, University Press of America, Lanham, MD 1993.**


EMPEREUR, JAMES L., Prophetic Anointing: God’s Call to the Sick, the Elderly, and the Dying, Message of the Sacraments 7, Michael Glazier, Wilmington, Delaware 1986.


PEEL, DONALD, _The Ministry of Listening: Team Visiting in Hospital and Home_, Anglican Book Centre, Toronto 1980.


POSCHMANN, BERNHARD, _Penance and the Anointing of the Sick_, Translated and revised by Francis Courtney, Herder, Montréal 1964.


UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, _Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying: Study Text 2_, USCC, Washington, DC 1984.


**Studies: Funerary Rites**


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**National Bulletin on the Liturgy:**

*Call to Penance* 42 (1974)
*Reconciliation and Forgiveness* 52 (1975)
*Reconciliation in Our Life* 88 (1983)
*Reconciliation in Our Broken World* 135 (1993)
*The Reconciling Church* 145 (1996)
*The Rite of Penance: A Sharing of Pastoral Wisdom* 165 (2001)