

2.1.1.2.2 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

(Department of Liturgy & Ecclesial Life)

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HOM 601 - INTRODUCTION TO HOMILETICS (formerly PTH 501 and PTH 502)

Offered 2nd Year, Fall semester

Formation for preaching begins with learning how to find one's voice as a preacher and use it in terms of public speaking in a liturgical context. Emphasis will be placed on connecting pulpit and pew through prayerful preparation, dynamic delivery (pace, tone, energy, pitch), and illustrative storytelling. Practical experience will focus on preaching daily Mass meditations and/or speaking about saints and solemnities.

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HOM 602 - THEOLOGY OF HOMILETICS (formerly PTH 601)

Offered 2nd Year, Spring semester

Formation for preaching requires a critical understanding of the ecclesial and liturgical contexts that shape the distinctive character of the homily as a dialogic proclamation of the Good News. Emphasis will be placed on the study of Church documents related to preaching. Practical experience will focus on delivering Sunday homilies in the Lent and Easter seasons.

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HOM 701 - CONTEMPORARY HOMILETICS (formerly PTH 602)

Offered 3rd Year, Fall semester

Formation for preaching benefits from examining the work of those recognized as masters of sacred eloquence. Consideration will be given to some key figures in Church history, with emphasis placed on contemporary teachers and exemplars. Practical experience will focus on delivering Sunday homilies in the Advent and Christmas seasons.

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HOM 702 - HOMILETIC STRATEGIES (formerly PTH 701)

Offered 3rd Year, Spring semester

Building on the foundations from previous courses in homiletics, seminarians will learn to practice different genres of preaching and to deal with contemporary issues in preaching. Emphasis will be placed on exploring multiple strategies for delivering effective homilies. Practical experience will focus on delivering Sunday homilies in Ordinary Time.

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HOM 801 - DIACONAL HOMILETICS (formerly PTH 702)

Offered 4th Year, Fall semester

The final course in the homiletics sequence prepares students for preaching as deacons during their vocational synthesis stage of formation. Emphasis will be placed on challenges the preacher faces in a secular age and in a diversity of parish settings. Practical experience will focus on preaching during other liturgical rites, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals, as well as on other occasions.

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