

Prerequisite: *BIB-D502*

Course Description:

The *Foundations of Preaching* courses are intended for beginning preachers. The purpose of these courses is for students to learn a *contemplo-studeo-praedico* model for preaching preparation and delivery for use throughout the seasons and rites of the liturgical year. This first course serves to introduce the student to the history, theology, and practice of preaching in the Christian tradition, paying special attention to the role of preaching in the liturgical life of the Church. Students will learn and practice a *contemplo-studeo-praedico* model for preparation and delivery of preaching through the seasons and rites of the liturgical year, as well as explore possibilities for extra-liturgical preaching. This course also serves to develop students' in their public speaking and professional presentation styles.

Course Objectives:

- To practice oral interpretation and proclamation of scripture for the Liturgy of the Word
- To explore the theory and theology of preaching with an emphasis on liturgical preaching
- To prepare preaching using a three phase hermeneutical process
- To learn rhetorical skills and forms for preaching
- To preach with an awareness of the liturgical seasons of the year
- To preach in both liturgical and non-liturgical contexts with an awareness of the demands of each
- To give and receive constructive feedback for preaching
- To begin to articulate a sustainable theology of preaching

Procedure: Lecture, discussion, and student presentations.

Evaluation: Active presence and participation in class; preaching labs, feedback, and a short research paper

Required Texts:

Anderson, C. Colt. *Christian Eloquence*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2007.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Mystery of Faith: Preaching the Sunday Homily*.

Recommended Texts:

Hilkert, Mary Catherine. *Naming Grace: Preaching and the Sacramental Imagination*. New York: Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, 1997.

Untener, Ken. *Preaching Better: Practical Suggestions for Homilists*. New York: Paulist Press, 1999.