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MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY OF THE WEST * LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM * SPECIAL STUDIES DIVISION

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2015-2016 SPRING SEMESTER COURSE OFFERINGS

JANUARY 11 - MAY 14, 2016

MOUNT WASHINGTON CAMPUS: GRADUATE DIVISION

Lay Pastoral Ministry Division

Dr. Terrance Callan

LPB 302 NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Tuesdays, January 12 – April 5

2 Credits 7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

A brief overview of the New Testament world, followed by an introduction to the various writings that comprise the New Testament (who wrote them, where, when and why), to the thought expressed by these writings and to the process by which they were gathered together to form the New Testament.

LPP 310 PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP FOR LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS

Tuesdays, January 12 – May 10

Dr. Thomas Giordano/Staff

3 Credits

7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

This course defines pastoral leadership and distinguishes it from secular leadership as well as from pastoral management and pastoral administration. It examines pastoral leadership as influence, empowerment, and service, showing how these elements are rooted in the leadership of Jesus. It includes the topics of ethics, collaboration, servant leadership, mission based ministry and planning. The course includes an introduction to the Capstone Project in Ministry.

*LPP 450 USING SCRIPTURE IN PARISH MINISTRY

Tuesdays, April 12 – May 10

Dr. Terrance Callan

1 Credit

7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

Scripture is used in parish life above all in liturgy and catechesis. Scripture is an element of every liturgical celebration, and it provides the starting point, foundation and norm of catechetical teaching. In this course students will study principles, best practices, resources and approaches for using scripture in an authentically Catholic way in parish ministry. They will explore how its riches can be made more widely available and effective in the lives of parishioners. *Prerequisites: LPMP OT or NT, or equivalent, or permission of LPMP Director.*

*LPS 303 ECCLESIOLOGY

Thursdays, January 14 – April 7

Rev. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh 2 Cred

2 Credits 7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

A study of the nature and character of the Church as the universal sacrament of salvation, its essence as communion and the hierarchical society of grace, the Holy People of God engaged in a pilgrimage of grace. Following a general survey of ecclesiology and a discussion of Models and Images of the Church, explicit reference will be given to: the four traditional marks of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic; the fundamental mission of the Church as evangelization; and the essential mission of the laity. *Prerequisite: LPB 302*.

LPS 304 ECCLESIOLOGY OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Thursdays, April 14 – May 12

Rev. Robert Hater

1 Credit

7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

This course will examine the ecclesiology of the Domestic Church: the Christian vision of marriage and family life, the family as a developing system, modern challenges, family diversity, and the partnership between families and social institutions, particularly the Church. This course is rooted in scripture and the documents of the Church and focused on practical applications in parish and family life.

*LPS 321 RCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Wednesdays, April 13 – May 11

Ms. Karen Kan

1 Credit

7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

The General Directory for Catechesis speaks about the baptismal catechumenate as model and inspiration for all catechesis. Through a greater understanding of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, this class will explore parish sacramental ministry in light of the RCIA. Participants will explore preparation methods and models for parish sacrament programs such as couple's preparation for Marriage, parent preparation for Infant Baptism, First Communion preparation, and Confirmation preparation for young people. *Prerequisites: LPMP students or permission of LPMP Director; LPS 401*.

*LPS 342 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN MORAL THEOLOGY

Mondays, April 11 – May 9

Rev. Earl Fernandes

1 Credit

7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

This course will build upon principles of Moral Theology by exploring contemporary moral issues and challenges in the public and private arena. This course will be taught seminar style. Topics for research and discussion may vary from year to year and will be selected from the timely issues facing the Catholic Church, primarily from within the American experience. Topics for discussion may include such issues as: the death penalty, bioethics, medical ethics, and the intersection of faith and public life. Methodologically, the course will foster a dialogue between the wisdom of the Catholic tradition and the American cultural ethos with an eye to formulating an informed pastoral response. *Prerequisites: LPMP students or permission of LPMP Director; LPS 403 or equivalent.*

*LPS 401 SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

Wednesdays, January 13 – April 6

Rev. Paul Keller, OP

2 Credits

7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

This course will consider the development of general sacramental theology in light of its historical development and recent developments in the areas of scripture, ecclesiology, anthropology, psychology, and sociology regarding the relationship of ritual behavior and spirituality. The goal of the course is to understand 1) the development of sacramental theology in the history of the Church; 2) the liturgical reform sought by Vatican II and more recent papal writings and legislation; 3) the dynamics involved in, and the means necessary for, good parish sacramental celebrations. *Prerequisites: LPS 302, 303*.

LPS 403 FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY

Mondays, January 11 – April 4

Dr. Tobias Nathe

2 Credits

7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

This course investigates *fundamental* elements of Catholic Christian ethics: values, moral anthropology, and ethical perspectives (virtue v. principles). Also, we explore the sources of moral wisdom—for instance, scripture and natural law—human action, sin, conscience and conversion. These topics round out the course content and shed light on the roots of Catholic morality.

Mount St. Mary's Seminary and Special Studies Division

GOSPEL OF LUKE AND ACTS OF THE APOSTLES B 353

Mr. Marco Mulattieri

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 - May 11 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

An examination of various themes running through this two-volume history of Jesus and of the Church. Among the most important are: Luke's presentation of Jesus, Luke's view of relations between Israel and the Church, Luke's understanding of history and Luke's presentation of Paul.

JOHANNINE LITERATURE **B** 354

Rev. Timothy Schehr

2 Credits

April 11 - May 11 2:10 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays,

This course will provide the student with an opportunity to learn and appreciate the theology and narrative techniques exhibited in the fourth gospel. The course will follow the seminar rather than lecture format. Commentaries will be assigned. At each session, students will be called upon to share their insights and discoveries. A written paper is required on the interpretation of a selected unit within the gospel. Topics to be considered from a Johannine perspective include: Christology, eschatology, and discipleship.

B 414 **PROPHETS**

Rev. Timothy Schehr

Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

April 12 – May 13

The course is designed to help the student: 1) understand the context of each of the prophetic books of the Bible; 2) appreciate the poetic and narrative features in them; 3) understand the themes and theologies of each book.

3 Credits

B 451 **BOOK OF REVELATION**

Dr. Terrance Callan 1 Credit Tuesdays, January 12 – April 5

9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Brief consideration of the literary genre apocalypse, against the background of which we will analyze the Book of

Revelation in detail.

PAULINE LITERATURE B 454

Dr. Terrance Callan

Mondays and Wednesdays,

January 11 - May 11

3 Credits 9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

An introduction to the letters of Paul (who wrote them, where, when and why) followed by a systematic synthesis of the theology that underlies these letters, especially Paul's letter to the Romans. We will consider Paul's understanding of: 1) the human condition; 2) God's transformation of that condition through Jesus Christ; 3) the appropriate human response to that transformation.

FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY **CL 230**

Dr. Tobias Nathe

3 Credits

Tuesdays and Fridays, January 12 – May 13

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This course investigates fundamental elements of Catholic Christian ethics: values, moral anthropology, and ethical perspectives (virtue v. principles). Also, we explore the sources of moral wisdom—for instance, scripture and natural law human action, sin, conscience and conversion. These topics round out the course content and shed light on the roots of Catholic morality.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY **CL 233**

Rev. Paul Ruwe

3 Credits

Tuesdays and Fridays, January 12 – May 13

9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

This course introduces the student to the nature of spirituality, its theological and anthropological bases, and the major themes in Christian spirituality as it has developed throughout the history of the Church. Emphasis is placed on the interaction of faith and history, and the response of great spiritual masters to the needs of their time. The student will read a general history of spirituality, as well as selections from several spiritual writers who will be studied. Each student will also be asked to read one of the spiritual classics (ancient or modern) in order to have a more "in depth" understanding of a major spiritual work.

*CL 237 CATHOLIC MEDICAL ETHICS

Rev. Earl Fernandes

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This course explores the field of health care and the Catholic reflection on various issues in medical ethics. After exploring different models of biomedical ethics, the course will examine specific topics and principles of Catholic medical ethics, including respect for human dignity, the principles of double effect and cooperation, respect for the rights of conscience for healthcare workers and the like. The topics include issues such as the nature of medicine; human suffering; embryonic stem cell research; embryo adoption; euthanasia and physician assisted suicide; artificial nutrition and hydration; and the distinction between ordinary and extraordinary care. The course will also treat recent Magisterial texts such as Dignitas Personae. Prerequisites: CL 230 or LPS 403.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS **CL 384**

Fr. Allen Moran, OP

2 Credits

Mondays, January 11 – April 4

7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

The Christian moral life is the lived response to faith in Christ as the light of His Resurrection enlightens the path of truth and righteousness. If growth in the moral life may be understood in terms of the three theological and four cardinal virtues, failure in the moral life may also be examined in terms the seven capital vices often referred to colloquially as the Seven Deadly Sins. Using a medical analogy, the virtues point to a healthy normative spiritual life while the vices point to various ailments. The virtues give a comprehensive view of how the human being lives in accord with God's grace where ultimately the virtue of charity governs all, but according to our way of knowing approaching the moral life with knowledge of human defects (the vices) may help us more quickly detect moral failure in our lives and to seek forgiveness and conversion of heart. Over the centuries this list of vices has served to aid the faithful in their examination of conscience and confession, in their on-going spiritual formation, and has assisted Church's preaching. This course will look at the early formulation and treatment of these vices in the works of Evagrius Ponticus, John Cassian, and St. Gregory the Great and then examine how the traditional treatment of the vices was handled by St. Thomas Aquinas in his works De Malo (On Evil) and in the Summa Theologica. Finally, we will look at certain treatments of the Seven Deadly Sins in excerpts from modern literature as a vehicle for preaching to the faithful.

H 320 EARLY AND MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY

Rev. David Endres

3 Credits

Tuesdays and Fridays. January 12 – May 13 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A survey of the history of the Catholic Church from the first through the fifteenth centuries, including the development of the Church's structure and hierarchical character, the persecution of the Church, the relationship between Church and state, the development of monasticism, the Middle Ages, the rise of the mendicants, the Avignon papacy, and the Black Death. The course will discuss key issues and tensions, important figures, and significant developments in Catholic thought, piety, and

*L 252 **BIBLICAL GREEK II**

Mr. Marco Mulatierri

Mondays and Wednesdays,

January 11 – April 6 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

This course is a continuation of Biblical Greek I. It will provide the student with the opportunity to advance his/her understanding of the structure and syntax of New Testament Greek. At the conclusion of the course, the student should have gained a certain degree of independence in working with the text of the New Testament. Prerequisite: L 251.

SPANISH II *L 262

Mondays and Wednesdays,

Ms. Tracey Canisalez

Mr. Marco Mulattieri

January 11 – April 6

2 Credits

2 Credits

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Continued listening, speaking, reading and writing in Spanish with further study of the culture, traditions and values of Spanish-speaking countries. Prerequisite: L 261 or permission of instructor.

*L 282 LATIN II

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 12 - May 12

3 Credits

2:10 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

A continuation of L 281, including additional vocabulary, additional noun and verb forms, more complex sentence structures using the subjunctive mood, and additional Latin prayers. Prerequisite: L 281.

*L 284 ADVANCED LATIN II Tuesdays, January 12 – April 5

Mr. Marco Mulattieri

1 Credit

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

A continuation of L 283 with an emphasis on reading Latin liturgical texts, and maintaining proficiency in Latin. Prerequisites: L 281-283 or permission of instructor.

*L 364

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 12 – April 7

Ms. Tracey Canisalez 2 Credits

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

This course represents the final required course of Spanish language studies. The course helps improve student fluency in spoken and pastoral Spanish. Prerequisite: L 363 or the permission of the instructor.

THEOLOGY OF THE SACRAMENTS/BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION LS 232

Rev. Paul Keller, OP

Tuesdays and Fridays,

January 12 – May 13

3 Credits

9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

The course provides an overview of sacramental principles and their development. This study will trace the outline of the history of the sacraments in genere but will focus on biblical, patristic, and theological foundations, with special considerations for the sacraments of baptism and confirmation and the graces they confer. The exploration will include the doctrinal contributions of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Ecumenical Councils, particularly Trent and Vatican II. The course also will address basic pastoral considerations and the care of the faithful in the administration of the sacraments; however, the practicum course on Blessings and Rites required is necessary for candidates for the priesthood.

LS 236 SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Rev. Earl Fernandes

2 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – April 6

2:10 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

This is the final course in the study of sacramental theology. In it students examine the development of theology and pastoral practice of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. In addition to studying some contemporary issues concerning sacramental practice, students will be shown the continuity in the liturgical rites for the sacraments of healing. The course will also include a treatment of the theology of indulgences and sacramentals of healing.

*LS 239 PRACTICUM: THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE & ANOINTING

OF THE SICK Rev. Paul Keller, OP

1 Credit

January 12 – May 10 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This practicum offers the training a candidate for the priesthood needs for the administration of the sacraments of healing. In addition to studying the rites of these sacraments, the greater part of the course will take up case studies for the sacrament of penance, meant to help the student prepare to counsel penitents and assign penances in the confessional. Prerequisite: LS 236.

*LS 272 CATHOLIC LITURGICAL MUSIC, ART & ARCHITECTURE

Mr. Anthony DiCello

Tuesdays and Fridays,

January 12 – May 13

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

3 Credits The objective of the course is to pursue the role and function of music as it relates to Catholic worship. Through an in-depth study of the current guidelines on liturgical music, this course treats a variety of related topics which include: theology of music, music and ritual, developing a philosophy of music ministry, musical roles, forms and repertoire, the role of the priest in building and supervision of the parish music program. This course will also provide an overview of the various arts employed in liturgical celebrations, so that those responsible for liturgical preparation might have increased sensitivity to the contribution of a particular art form. Presented by various specialists, the course will encompass these major areas: music, liturgical language and hymnody, architecture, and the visual arts and environment. Prerequisite: LS 231 or another introductory course on worship.

P 231 PASTORAL COUNSELING Tuesdays, January 12 – May 10

Mr. Kevin Prendergast

3 Credits

7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

This course is designed for non-professional counselors: those who will serve as priests, deacons, lay ecclesial ministers, pastoral associates, or chaplains. Students will learn and demonstrate competence in attending and listening skills, goal setting, and implementation of behavioral change plans. Students will acquire fundamental crisis intervention skills with situations such as suicide, domestic violence, divorce and sexual abuse. Students will learn especially how to perform an accurate assessment and make appropriate referrals for longer-term professional help. This course also introduces students to the specifically pastoral dimensions of counseling and explores appropriate ways to address values, religion and spirituality with clients.

P 240 HOMILETICS I: INTRODUCTION TO HOMILETICS

Deacon David Shea

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – April 4 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

This basic course will focus on the tools for preaching in a Eucharistic context with an emphasis on scriptural exegesis, analysis of the assembly to ensure the homily's relevance to life, theology, narrative style, and praxis. It begins with an exploration of the theology of Catholic preaching in the Tradition, including the Fathers, the *Catechism* and documents such as *Fulfilled In Your Hearing* and the new bishops' document, *Preaching the Mystery of Faith*. An important outcome for each student will be the development of his own operative theology of preaching in light of the course material, his own study and development as a preacher, individual life experiences, and visions for preaching. Students will also explore and utilize various methods and techniques for planning, writing, and preaching homilies in an environment which encourages experimentation and risk-taking.

P 250 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP: THE PRIEST, PASTOR & LEADER

Tuesdays,

OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY

January 12 – May 10 7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

Rev. Jan Schmidt 3 Credits

This course focus on the role of Pastor and Parochial Vicar in cooperation with one another and ministering in collaboration with the laity as priests responsible for the care of God's people in the context of the parish community they serve. How does one fashion a Gospel vision and implement it in all aspects of parish life? The course hopes to provide an exposure to relevant Church documents and Canon Law as well as an understanding of the liturgy as the operating principle of parish life. Pastoral issues include: Discerning, developing and living a pastoral vision, an introduction to the theories of engagement and strengths, developing a positive pastoral leadership structure, pastoral planning and implementation, *Strengths* based pastoral leadership, effective change and communications, *Servant Leadership*, stewardship, evangelization and similar matters of

include but not be limited to: business and finance, personnel evaluation and decisions, catechetical instruction and school management as well as the use of technology and social media for the promotion of evangelization and parish life. Importantly, the course will provide an overview of recent significant publications on renewing the parish community and the New Evangelization.

importance. Other more practical issues, useful in the fundamental understanding of a parish as a "small business" would

P 362 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FOR MINISTRY

Mr. Jack Helbling

2 Credits

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 12 – April 7 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

This course will survey classic and contemporary business management concepts, principles and people who have had major impacts on our current culture, and explore how those might be applicable to priestly ministry. This course will offer additional insights on the five key areas that drive much of the daily work for pastors and pastoral administrators. The five (5) main areas of focus will be: Understanding your budget (building and tracking); Identifying fraud (potential and actual); Effective organizational structure (staff and volunteers, day-to-day and project-based); Buildings and grounds (speaking the language); and, Stewardship (regular and project-based). An overarching principle guiding each part of the course will be to enable effective, proactive communication between pastors and their people. Relying on proven organizational leadership principles, identifying and practicing qualities of successful administrators, and through practical case study, this course will contribute to giving parish leaders tools necessary to be effective in solving many of the problems they face every day.

S 230 FUNDAMENTAL DOGMA

Deacon Tracy Jamison

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

This course explores the foundations of Catholic theology by considering the nature of divine revelation, the nature of faith as a free response to God's grace and revealing activity, the nature of Sacred Scripture, the nature of Sacred Tradition, the nature of divine inspiration, the task of interpretation, theological methodology, and the role of philosophy in theology. We will identify the various conditions which make the rationality and objectivity of Catholic theology possible as a speculative and practical science productive of true and certain knowledge. Participants are systematically introduced to the dogmatic study of divine revelation and divine faith and to the apologetic study of the credibility of divine revelation in history. Dogmatically, fundamental theology uses a method that starts from divine revelation as accepted through divine faith. Apologetically, fundamental theology uses a method that starts from human reason and attempts to demonstrate the credibility of divine revelation and divine faith. The main goal of this course is to master the basic concepts, principles, and methods of the science of fundamental theology and to begin to practice it as an art in the service of divine truth and wisdom.

S 236 ECCLESIOLOGY II: ECUMENISM, MISSION & EVANGELIZATION

Rev. David Endres

2 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – April 6 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

An exploration of the Church's missionary vocation, its relationship with non-Catholic Christian ecclesial communities and with non-Christian religions, and the history and theology of the ecumenical movement. The course will emphasize magisterial texts, key developments in ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, and the call to participate in the New Evangelization.

S 237 THEOLOGY OF HOLY ORDERS

Rev. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Drawing on the insights of Vatican II, this course will present an ecclesial vision of priestly identity. It will explore the Church's tradition, practice and expectations of ordained ministry, offering a scriptural, systematic and spiritual analysis leading to a contemporary theology and spirituality of presbyteral identity, founded in being and expressed in ministry.

S 240 THEOLOGY OF THE TRINITY

Rev. Robert Jack

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

The Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith. In this course the student will examine the patristic and scriptural background to the mystery up to 381 AD. The student will then examine the question of God and the immanent and economic approaches to the Trinitarian mystery. Finally, there will be a treatment of Trinitarian spirituality and how it shapes the lives of individual Christian believers.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY PRE-THEOLOGY COURSES

PH 204 PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Dr. David Foster

January 11 – May 11 3 Credits 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

According to St. Thomas person is "that which is most perfect in all of nature." Simply put, person is the point of creation. Thus it should not surprise us that a good account of the person is wonderfully difficult. This course examines the basic issues of our human reality: the fact of our being; the relation of body and soul; knowing; being male and female; being spiritual; our relation to society, to religion, and to death. Thomas Aquinas' inclusive metaphysics provides a foundation for the course and the insights of contemporary existentialism and phenomenology are used to enhance it. Other philosophers incorporated are Jacques Maritain, Norris Clarke, Ronda Chervin, Conrad Baars, Francis Klauder, and John Paul II.

PH 205 EPISTEMOLOGY

Rev. Thomas McQuillen

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays

This is the study of the nature and properties of knowledge. This course will explore the issues surrounding the questions of if and how we can know the truth; how knowledge is different from opinion, and what is the relationship between knowledge and belief. Thus this course will also address the limits of human knowledge.

PH 206 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

Deacon Tracy Jamison

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This course is a systematic introduction to the science of ethics that developed in the context of the Christian faith under the influence of the philosophical works of Plato and Aristotle and was given a definitive expression in the moral philosophy and anthropology of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Scholastic approach to ethics has undergone further refinements over the centuries and has become the normative ethical theory most closely associated with the Catholic intellectual tradition. The moral philosophy of St. Thomas defends the perennial philosophical proposal that there is an objective moral law grounded in human nature and human reason. We will examine this philosophical tradition critically and assess its plausibility and defensibility. We will also acquaint ourselves with the major normative ethical theories that are opposed to natural law theory. The topics that we will cover include the nature of happiness, the nature of the human act, the nature of the good, the nature of moral obligation, the properties of moral law, the nature of conscience, the nature of moral reasoning, and the various virtues and vices.

*PH 209 NATURAL PHILOSOPHY

Deacon Tracy Jamison

3 Credits

Tuesdays and Fridays, January 12 – May 13 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Natural philosophy, also called cosmology or the philosophy of nature, is the Aristotelian philosophical science that studies the general principles, ultimate causes, and universal properties of changeable being. This course examines the major competing philosophical interpretations of the nature, purpose, and methods of natural science and critically evaluates each interpretative paradigm according to its ability to organize and do justice to scientific reasoning and knowledge in general. Aristotelian philosophy of nature is presented as the integrating philosophy of science that provides the rational foundation for Thomistic metaphysics, anthropology, and natural theology, as well as the modern empirical sciences of nature. Relativism, eliminative empiricism, and pragmatism are evaluated as fundamentally opposed to the classical realist approach to nature and as inherently detrimental to the objectivity of science as such. Most popular schools of thought in our culture still assert that empirical science alone reveals the fundamental structure of reality, but many philosophers no longer have any commitment to the objectivity and rationality of any of the sciences. In general, we will explore the strengths and weaknesses of the various epistemologies and ontologies which are prevalent in our culture and influencing its attitudes and mentality. An adequate understanding of this ethos is absolutely necessary for effective Christian evangelization. *Prerequisite: PH 103 Logic*.

PH 211 MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY

Dr. David Foster

3 Credits

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 11 – May 11 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

This course studies the history of western philosophy from the 6th century Boethius, to the 14th century William of Ockham. It supplies a foundation for understanding person, world, and God by studying the main themes of medieval philosophy. Featured philosophers are: Anselm, Albert the Great, Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas, and John Duns Scotus. The period excelled in the effort to harmonize faith and reason, exemplified by the remarkable synthesis of St. Thomas. It is also an era of extraordinary diversity and social turmoil.

PH 213 CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

Rev. Anthony Brausch

3 Credits

Tuesdays and Fridays, January 12 – May 13 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

This course examines the philosophical developments of the mid-nineteenth century to the present. The general theme of the alienation of the contemporary person and the various philosophical responses is traced through the thought of notable philosophers and trends: Feuerbach; Nietzsche; Marx; Husserl, Heidegger; Existentialism; Logical positivism; American pragmatism; Postmodern theory.

S 262 CATECHISM: DOCTRINE

Rev. Robert Jack

Tuesdays and Fridays,
January 12 – May 13
3 Credits 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

An introduction to the foundational beliefs of the Catholic Church as presented in the first part of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Creed. The *Catechism* along with supplemental readings introduce the student to the methodological considerations involved in the theological enterprise and are used to sharpen the student's critical thinking skills.

S 264 CATECHISM: MORALITY

Dr. Tobias Nathe

Mondays and Wednesdays
January 11 – May 11
3 Credits 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

An introduction to Christian ethics from the framework of Sacred Scripture and the theological and moral virtues. The student will discover that the goal of the Christian life is union with God. Christians can achieve this goal by living a moral life rooted in faith, hope, and charity and based on the virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude as explained in the third part of the *Catechism* and through Church tradition and Sacred Scripture.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY DIVISION CERTIFICATE COURSES

Mt. Washington Campus

LPC 126 LITURGY/PRAYER

Saturdays, January 16 – April 9 Rev. Larry Tensi 2 Units

9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

This course will provide a framework for participants to enter into and reflect upon a variety of individual and communal prayer experiences. The development of current liturgical practices will be traced and participants will deal with practical problems of communal prayer in parishes.

LPC 132 MORALITY & JUSTICE IN CATHOLIC LIFE

Thursdays, January 14 – May 12

Rev. Robert Jack 3 Units 7:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

This course provides a basic introduction to Catholic moral teaching, ethics and the principles of Catholic social doctrine. Special attention will be given to key concepts of freedom, responsibility, law, grace, sin and moral discernment. It will explore the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching as identified by the USCCB and help participants develop their own approach to the justice dimension of service to the people of God.

LPC 222 TRIBUNAL TRAINING COURSE

Saturdays, April 23 – June 25

Sr. Victoria Vondenberger 2 Units 1:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

In this ten-session course, the participant will be guided through the Church's law and practice relative to marriage cases so that after finishing the course with at least a "B" average and successfully completing an internship, the student might be certified as a procurator/ advocate for the Tribunal, able effectively to assist those seeking help with marriage cases at the parish level. "PLEASE NOTE -This course extends beyond the last day of the Spring semester." This course is limited to 25 participants.

St. Ignatius (Monfort Heights)

Mr. Bill Frantz

LPC 119 USING SCRIPTURE IN PARISH MINISTRY

Saturdays, April 16– May 14

1 Unit 9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

This course provides a practical introduction to the use of Sacred Scripture in parish ministry settings, including resources and best practices for Bible Study, RCIA, youth ministry, sacramental preparation and parish meetings. Students will explore ways to help their communities become more Bible literate.

LPC 120 DISCIPLESHIP

Saturdays, January 16 - April 9

Ms. Mary Bellman 9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. 2 Units

This course will focus on themes basic to ministry such as call, response, freedom, choice and paschal mystery. It is designed to challenge participants to confront their own faith and to be supported by Christian peer relationships. The course will serve as well to introduce participants to the educational methodology to be pursued throughout their experience in the program.

LPC 122 NEW TESTAMENT – (hybrid/online)

Saturdays, January 16 - April 9

2 Units 1:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

An introduction to the New Testament providing background necessary to understand the Gospels, the writings of Paul and the Acts of the Apostles, as well as familiarity with their main themes. In-class sessions will be held on the following Saturdays: **NEED DATES**

Pilarczyk Center (Dayton)

LPC 119 USING SCRIPTURE IN PARISH MINISTRY

Saturdays, April 16 – May 14

9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

This course provides a practical introduction to the use of Sacred Scripture in parish ministry settings, including resources and best practices for Bible Study, RCIA, youth ministry, sacramental preparation and parish meetings. Students will explore ways to help their communities become more Bible literate.

LPC 120 DISCIPLESHIP

Saturdays, January 16 - April 9

Deacon Hal Belcher 2 Units 1:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

1 Unit

This course will focus on themes basic to ministry such as call, response, freedom, choice and paschal mystery. It is designed to challenge participants to confront their own faith and to be supported by Christian peer relationships. The course will serve as well to introduce participants to the educational methodology to be pursued throughout their experience in the program.

LPC 122 NEW TESTAMENT

Saturdays, January 16 - April 9

Ms. Joan Dunn 2 Units 9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

An introduction to the New Testament providing background necessary to understand the Gospels, the writings of Paul and the Acts of the Apostles, as well as familiarity with their main themes.

TUITION

(Payment due at time of registration)

Graduate Level Courses, Mt. Washington Campus: Credit - \$550.00 per hour

Audit Rate: \$225.00 per credit hour

SENIOR CITIZEN (65 and over) SPECIAL AUDIT RATE FOR 2015 - 2016 - \$125.00 per credit hour

Certificate Courses: \$220.00 per 5 week unit Certificate Audit Rate: \$110 per 5 week unit Matriculation fee for new students: \$30.00

Registrations received after Monday, December 28, 2015 must be accompanied by a late registration fee of \$40.00

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