

JUNIOR THEOLOGY: Fall 2020

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1st SEMESTER: *Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ*

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to help students understand that they encounter Christ today in a full and real way through the sacraments, and especially through the Eucharist. Students will examine each of the sacraments in detail so as to learn how they may encounter the ever living, ever loving, uncreated God in and through material existence.

COURSE TEXT: Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments, Ave Maria Press, 2019.

REQUIRED MATERIAL: 2 Section Notebook, 2 Pocket Folder

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK I

Course overview, explanation of goals, expectations, materials, service requirements and grading procedure.

UNIT I

WEEKS II through V: The Sacramental Nature of the Church

Text: Pertinent sections of Chapters 1 and 2

- *Sacrament defined.
- *Ongoing presence of the Holy Trinity.
- *Redeeming Actions of Jesus Christ.
- * Mission of the Church.

UNIT II

WEEKS VI through IX: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation

Text: Chapters 3, 4 and 5, selected sections.

- *Sacraments of Initiation lay the foundations of every Christian life.
- *Specific sacraments defined; scriptural and historical roots of each explored.
- *Investigation of how these sacraments have been celebrated historically and how they are celebrated today.
- *Effects, benefits and responsibilities of each sacrament examined.
- *The call to "live" these sacraments, to "become" sacraments.

UNIT III

WEEKS X-XIII

Sacraments of Healing
Highlights, Chapters 6 and 7

*Examination the scriptural roots, celebration of and effects of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

*The healing and redemptive work of Jesus explored as it continues through the power of the Holy Spirit manifest in the Church, specifically through these sacraments.

UNIT IV

WEEKS XIV through End of Semester: Sacraments at the Service of Communion
Text, Selected Sections of Chapters 8 and 9

*Definitions of and exploration of the scriptural origins, effects, celebration of and call to live the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony.

*Investigation into the communal and salvific dimensions of these Sacraments.

*The role of these Sacraments in the mission of the Church in building the Kingdom of Heaven.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Homework:	25%
Chapter Quizzes:	40%
Unit Projects:	25%
Class Participation:	10%

100%

EXPECTATIONS

*All students begin semester with a 100% for class participation. Points will be deducted from this grade for student handbook violations and/or failure to come to class with required materials.

*Respect for self, others and the instructor is expected.

Grades will be updated on the 15th and 30th of each month.

All that we do is a means to an end, but love is an end in itself, because GOD is LOVE.

Edith Stein

