

**Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary
Orchard Lake, Michigan**

HOM 771 Preaching Practicum

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Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Two Credit Hours

CAC 109/Chapel

Required texts:

Fulfilled in Your Hearing United States Catholic Conference (1982)

Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2012)

Course description: This course will attempt to integrate not only the previous courses that covered homiletic topics but also challenge the student to include in his preaching his own lived experience, faith, spirituality, and theological training. Special attention will be given to intonation, posture and relevance of the homily to the lectionary readings and occasion.

Prior to the preaching of a homily, the student will be required to submit a detailed one-sentence description of the intention of the homily. Also, he will submit the particular readings that form the background of the homily and resources consulted.

All students will evaluate each other. Each will be required to submit a self-evaluation of their homiletic experience, the critiques received from other students and possible approaches for future improvement.

The final exam will be a homily intended to be preached on an Easter Sunday in a local parish.

Course of Study:

- I. Proclaiming the Word
- II. The Nature of Preaching
- III. The Sunday Homily
- IV. The Weekday Homily
- V. Baptism Homilies
- VI. Funeral Homilies

- VII. The Wedding Homily
- VIII. The Holy Day Homily

Select Bibliography

Students are encouraged to use the many online resources available through the campus library or any other modern library.

Rueter, A.C. *Making Good Preaching Better*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1997.
Homiletic Directory. Rome: Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Additionally:

Anchor Bible

Anchor Bible Dictionary

Brown, R.E. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. New York: Doubleday, 1997.

Elenchus of Biblica. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Press

Dictionary of the Bible. New York: Macmillan, 1979

Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible

Oxford Companion to the Bible. New York: Oxford, 1993

Sacra Pagina

The New Jerome Biblical Commentary