

**Theology of Ministry  
Spring 2008**

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**A seminar which will provide a forum for students to reflect theologically on their ministerial experience, read and discuss key works in the discipline, and analyze the changing configurations of ministry. A methodological approach will be used that centers on the teaching of the tradition, on an examination of historical and pastoral aspects of ministry, as well as on an exploration of the cultural context. Ministerial issues that will be viewed include: spirituality and reconciliation, ministerial ethics, feminist perspectives, and the parish. Format: lecture, discussion. Evaluation: three reflection papers.**

**GOALS**

- 1. A reflection on one's vocation and ministerial experience in light of the Christian tradition, in order to read the "signs of the times" in our commitment and fidelity to the ministry of the church.**
- 2. An examination of the historical and pastoral development of ministry in the church.**
- 3. An exploration of the church's ministries from the perspective of culture.**
- 4. A focus on a spirituality for ministry that includes the promise of partnership and the longing for reconciliation in the present social order.**
- 5. An analysis of key issues that influence, challenge and enrich ministry: feminist perspectives, ministerial ethics, the parish.**

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Attendance and active participation in all sessions.**
- Three 4-8 page reflection papers based on readings and discussions.**

## REQUIRED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Anderson, Ray, *The Soul of Ministry, Forming Leaders for God's People*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1007.
- Bernier, Paul, *Ministry in the Church, A Historical and Pastoral Approach*, Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2003.
- Brown, Richard, *When Ministry is Messy: Practical Solutions to Difficult Problems*, St. Anthony Messenger Press.
- Bernier, Paul. *Ministry in the Church, a Historical and Pastoral Approach*. Mystic, Connecticut: Twenty-Third Publications, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1992.
- Anne Fadiman, *The Spirit Catches You And You Fall Down*.
- Jimenez, Francisco, Alma Garcia, Richard A. Garica, ed., *Ethnic Community Builders, Mexican Americans in Search of Justice and Power*, Alta Mira Press-Rowman & Littlefield Pub., 2007.
- Schreiter, Robert. *Reconciliation, Mission, Completely Revised Edition*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2000.

## CALENDAR

1. **A HISTORICAL AND PASTORAL APPROACH TO MINISTRY**

Feb.	4	Mon.	Introductions, overview. Bernier, <i>Ministry in the Church</i> , pp. 1-11
Feb.	7	Thurs.	Bernier, Ch. 1,2 "Foundations-N.T.; Ministry as Charism"
Feb	11	Mon.	Bernier, Ch. 3,4 "From Ministry to Bishop; Priesthood as Ministry"
Feb.	14	Thurs.	Bernier, Ch. 5,6 "Ministry in the Monastery"
Feb.	18		President's Day – No Class
Feb.	21	Thurs.	Bernier, Ch. 7,8 "The Reformation/Ministry"
Feb.	25	Mon.	Bernier, Ch. 9, 10 "Reappraisal of Ministry"
Feb.	28	Thurs.	Bernier, Ch. 11, 12, 13 Unresolved Issues since the II Vatican Council
Mar.	3	Mon.	Bernier, Ch. 11, 12, 13 Unresolved Issues continued: Evangelical Ministry; the Laity
Mar.	6	Thurs.	Anderson, Part I Ministry as Theological Task; Pt. II God's Ministry in Covenant/Creation; Pt. III Jesus' Ministry Round Table Discussion
Mar.	10	Mon.	Anderson, Part IV, The Spirit's Ministry; Pt. V, The Church's Ministry Pt. VI, Leading God's People in Ministry NOTE:Reflection Paper #1 Due by 5:00pm (in my JSTB Mailbox or in class)

**2. AN EXPLORATION OF THE CHURCH'S MINISTRIES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF CULTURE**

Mar. 13 Thurs. Introduction to culture/ministry.  
Mar. 17 Mon. Models/issues in contextual theology.  
Mar. 20 Thurs. Anne Fadiman, *The Spirit Catches You, And You Fall Down*  
March 24-28 Spring Recess  
Mar. 31 Mon. Fadiman  
Apr. 3 Thurs. T.B.A.  
Apr. 7 Mon. Jimenez, *Ethnic Community Builders*  
Apr. 10 Thurs. Jimenez  
Apr. 14 Mon. Jimenez  
Apr. 17 Thurs. T.B.A. NOTE: Paper #2 due

**3. A SPIRITUALITY THAT CALLS FOR PARTNERSHIP AND RECONCILIATION**

Apr. 21 Mon. Brown, *When Ministry is Messy*  
Apr. 24 Thurs. Brown  
Apr. 28 Mon. Brown  
May 1 Thurs. Schreiter, *Reconciliation, Mission*  
May 5 Mon. Schreiter  
May 8 Thurs. Schreiter  
May 12 Mon. Last day of class; closure/evaluations  
May 23 Friday Spring 2008 Semester Ends;  
Paper #3 due