



RL 336.1 & RL 538.1- SPRING 2013

SACRAMENTS

MONDAY EVENINGS: 6:30-9:00PM

ON 3 MONDAYS YOU WILL HAVE INDEPENDENT STUDY ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS; CLASS WILL NOT MEET

INSTRUCTOR: DR. DORIS DONNELLY

WITH THE FOLLOWING GUEST LECTURERS:

JANUARY 28: DR. NATALIE WEAVER ON BAPTISM & THE RCIA

MARCH 25: DR. EDWARD HAHNENBERG ON MARRIAGE

APRIL 8: FATHER JOSEPH FORTUNA ON ANOINTING OF THE SICK

APRIL 22: FATHER DONALD COZZENS ON THE PRIESTHOOD

The Roman Catholic tradition holds seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Marriage, Priesthood and the Anointing of the Sick. This course will study the history and theology of the sacraments with a special interest in the transformative power of the symbols associated with each sacrament that is capable of effecting change in the life of believers.

THE COURSE MIGHT ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO YOU
IF YOU HAVE WONDERED ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Why do we baptize infants? When infants grow up, can they be un-baptized from a commitment they didn't make in the first place?
- Is Catholic Confirmation the same as a Jewish bar and bat mitzvah?
- What makes marriage a sacrament in the Catholic Church? Can a Catholic marry a Muslim? A Jew? Why can't a Catholic marry a divorced person?
- Why do priests have to be men? Why are priests not allowed to marry?
- Doesn't God forgive sins? Why do Catholics need confession to a priest?
- What do Catholics believe about what happens at Mass regarding the changes in the bread and wine?
- What's the reason that Catholics get anointed when they are very sick? When Catholics get anointed, do they get better from their sickness, or do they die like everyone else?