COURSE NAME: HOMILETICS I, II, III

COURSE CODE: HO100 HO200/HO300

COURSE CREDIT: 1/2/3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This three – year course will treat three major aspects of homiletics: the theology of homiletics, the movement from exegesis to the sermon, and the practice of preparing and preaching sermons. The treatment of the theology of homiletics will introduce students to the theology of the Word of God and of preaching, and will include consideration of the definition, purpose, and principal types of preaching and teaching. The course will also help students reflect in a general way on the culture in which preaching takes place today.

AIM:
• To develop the theory and skills introduced primarily through practical application.
• To equip students to prepare and deliver sermons of various genres, including Sunday, weekday, funeral and special occasions etc.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Students will be able to:
• Understand their role and responsibilities as leaders of worship.
• Understand the principles and practice of worship and preaching.
• Demonstrate competence and confidence in preparing sermons.
• Plan, prepare and deliver sermons which are relevant, sincere and inspiring.
• Reflect on the culture in which preaching takes place today.
• Critique and analyse the expository preaching of others.
• Critique and analyse his/her own expository preaching.

COURSE CONTENT:
What is Homiletics, Hermeneutics and Preaching.
The meaning and purpose of worship.
The major elements of worship.
Various Orders of worship and liturgies.
Different types of sermons.
Steps in sermon preparation, construction and delivery of sermons for special occasion. -Funerals, Wakes, Memorial Services, Prayer Meetings/Thanksgiving Services, Church Anniversary, Holy Communion etc.
Emphasis will be placed on major theological themes that are foundational to the Christian Year and their significance for preaching.
Practical sessions on communicating the Message.
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COURSE TEXTS:
*The Bible* (a modern critical edition, preferably the New Oxford Annotated, College Edition or the HarperCollins Study Bible; any respectable scholarly translation, e.g. RSV, NRSV,)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:
Lectures
Individual presentations
Preaching
Sermon evaluation

COURSE ASSESSMENT:
Attendance and class participation 10%
Reading assignments & diary 10%
Sermon manuscript 40%
Sermon delivery 40%

TOTAL 100%

Attendance and active participation at each session is the core expectation of this class.
Reading of required texts along with a written diary of responses to reading (due last class session).
Write an “exegesis of life” example to share with class (due 2nd class session).
Write a 1 page maximum response/evaluation to each sermon in class.
Write a sermon manuscript (due last class session)
Deliver sermon (same sermon as manuscript; 15 – 20 min. max.; 1,500 – 2,000 words) at final class session.
Write a 1-page summary of the process of preparing a sermon. Should include summary of exegesis, rationale for organization, goal, struggles, etc.