

FE 603 01 CLERGY ETHICS (2 credits)

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Class: Spring Semester 2010 Wednesdays, 10:40-12:15AM Sev. #102
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I. Course Description

This course focuses on developing a theological understanding of the pastoral vocation which can guide decision-making and the setting of priorities in the parish. Students engage in practical reflection on the shape of "the good pastorate."

II. Course Objectives

1. To develop an awareness of particular pitfalls and temptations which are associated with pastoral ministry (particularly the challenges of money, sex and the abuses of power).
2. To begin to cultivate a network of collegiality and mutual support for developing excellence in the practice of ministry.

III. Course Requirements credit/no credit

Evaluation will be based upon class attendance and participation, preparation and the timely completion of the normal reports and forms required by the Field Education office.

IV. Bibliography

Required Text: **Richard M. Gula, Ethics in Pastoral Ministry**

Recommended Text: **John W. Doberstein, ed., Minister's Prayer Book (Fortress Press, 1986)**

For Further Reading: William H. Willimon, Calling and Character (Abingdon Press, 2000)