Course Unit Outline

Unit Code

T7325

Unit Name

Anointing and Reconciliation

Unit Weighting

9 cps

Type of Unit

Specialised unit

Prerequisites

27 cps in Theology

Academic Staff

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Curriculum Objectives

This course unit applies the themes of sacramentality, a principal aspect of theology in the Christian tradition, to two fundamental areas of human life: sinfulness and sickness.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1) detail the principal developments, with their theological underpinning, in the liturgical history of Anointing and Reconciliation
- 2) provide a theological analysis of Reconciliation and Anointing
- 3) critically discuss contemporary issues in the theology of the two sacraments
- 4) appreciate the 'Sacraments of Healing' as an authentic expression of sacramentality in the Christian tradition.
- 5) empathetically discuss the relationship between the sacraments and sinfulness and sickness in ministry settings.

Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit

Content

- 1) The need for reconciliation: the state of human sinfulness
- 2) The reconciling and forgiving God
- 3) The Sacrament of Penance: historical development
- 4) Various Rites of the restored Ordo of Penance
- 5) Using the structure of the sacrament to heal
- 6) Interpersonal and communal reconciliation
- 7) How the good confessor relates to various penitents
- 8) Ministry to the sick and aged

Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment

Nil

Teaching Methods

Seminars, Tutorials, Lectures, Student Presentations, Online Tutorials

Assessment Profile

Assessments tasks are designed both to help students attain the unit outcomes and to enable teachers to assess student attainment. In this unit, the required assessment tasks will enable students to demonstrate how successfully they can:

- 1. Analyse an aspect of the theology of the sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation (e.g. critical review of a recent publication) [Outcome 2]
- 2. Connect a current issue to the Christian understanding of sacramentality (e.g. seminar) [Outcomes 3, 4]
- 3. Display a knowledge of the liturgical and theological history of both sacraments (e.g. a major essay) [Outcomes 1, 4]

Representative References

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