

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	
T7328	
Unit Name	
Theology of Priesthood	
Unit Weighting	
9 cps	
Type of Unit	
Specialised	
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions	
One 7200 series unit in Theology	
Academic Staff	
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Curriculum Objectives	
This course unit explores the history, theology and practice of ministry in the church in the sacrament of Holy Order. With baptism as a starting point the sacrament of Order is considered in relation to the saving ministry of Jesus in the church and the world.	
Learning Outcomes	
At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. outline the major historical developments in the sacrament of holy order 2. display an understanding of the distinction between the priesthood of all the baptised and the ordained priesthood 3. provide a theological analysis of the elements of the sacrament 4. distinguish the different orders within the sacrament and their specific features and ministries 5. respond critically to contemporary questions about ministry in the church 	
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	
Content	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical foundations: priesthood in the Old Testament; the priesthood of Christ; New Testament origins of ministerial priesthood 2. The early church after Nicaea: Chrysostom, Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory the Great 3. The development of major and minor orders; the issue of the episcopate as a separate order; Aquinas on matter and form of the sacrament 4. The Reformation and the teaching of the Council of Trent on Holy Order 5. The teaching of the Second Vatican Council: the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission of the laity; the ministerial priesthood; bishops 6. The Rite of Ordination; the effects of the sacrament 7. Priestly celibacy: history, theology, issues 8. The tradition of a male priesthood 9. Priests and the sacrament of Penance 10. The challenge of clerical scandals and the need for purification 	
Learning Activities	
Lectures, tutorials	
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	
Nil	
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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outline the major historical developments in the sacrament of order (e.g. short paper, student presentation) [Outcomes 1, 3] 2. Provide a theological analysis of the sacrament of holy order (e.g. essay) [Outcomes 2, 3, 4] 	

3. Respond critically to contemporary questions about ministry in the church (e.g. critical review, tutorial participation) [Outcomes 2, 5]

Representative References

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