## Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

**PTHO 6601** 

## Pastoral Ministry: Introduction

## Course for Spring 2016

**Day:** Thursday

Time: 8:30 AM- 11:15 AM

**Location:** Alfieri Hall



Lewis Hall Seton Hall University 400 South Orange Avenue South Orange, NJ 07079

Phone: (973) 761-9633 Website: theology.shu.edu Email: theology@shu.edu



Professor: Rev. Timothy Christy

Course Description: This course will provide an introduction to pastoral theology in its mediating role between theological insight and pastoral practice. Moreover students will have an opportunity to focus on the pastoral situation as encountered through Catholic tradition, personal and cultural experience, aspects of pastoral ministry in the contemporary Church and ways of responding both pastorally and prophetically.

Course Explanation: An overview of pastoral ministry within in the context of the New Evangelization. Through an attentive reading of the key magisterial documents on evangelization and mission since the Second Vatican Council and experts in the field, the principles and methods of pastoral practice will be explored with an eye for application in ministry settings. Models of evangelization and pastoral practice derived from the Acts of the Apostles and church history will be introduced to identify creative means to inform and evaluate pastoral and evangelical practice in the present.

Rev. Timothy Christy, M.Div, S.T.L Cand., Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, A priest of the Diocese of Metuchen for 23 years has served as an associate pastor, high school chaplain and currently as pastor of St. Magdalen de Pazzi parish in Flemington, NJ. Earning his Master of Divinity from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, he is currently completing the requirements for a Licentiate in the New Evangelization from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit; an aggregate of the Pontifical Angelicum University in Rome. In addition to his parochial ministry he has also served his diocese as spiritual moderator for Natural Family Planning, and as chaplain for Engaged Encounter. He serves as a chaplain to the Theology of the Body Institute, Philadelphia, for their week long head and heart immersion courses in the thought of St. John Paul II. He enjoys preaching and teaching on topics related to evangelization and conducting retreats for congregations of religious women.

Photo Courtesy of: www.enwikipedia.org