MA Seminar: Deacons and Christian Worship

STHO 6888

Course for Spring 2015

Dates: Mondays
Time: 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Location: St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison

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Course Description: A study of the history and theological development of the liturgy of the Roman Rite, with attention to the Liturgy of the Hours and the Liturgy of Vatican II, especially the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian living. Course material will have the goal of integrating these themes with the life and ministry of a deacon.

Rev. Msgr. Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Spiritual Director for the Seminary, was ordained to the priesthood in 1991. He received a B.A. from Yale University, an M.Div. from Immaculate Conception Seminary and his S.T.L. and S.T.D. from Catholic University in Washington, DC. His interest in Cardinal John Henry Newman’s life and works has led him to give ten academic conference papers. Msgr. McCarren has had the opportunity to participate in an international ecumenical dialogue, the Joint Commission for Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council. He is a weekend assistant at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield and in the summer he teaches and gives spiritual direction at the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A., is Acting Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, and was previously Director of the Catholic Center for Family Spirituality and Coordinator of Programs for the Institute for Christian Spirituality. He has nearly three decades of business experience with leading Fortune 500 firms. Deacon Saunders has a B.A. from the University of Connecticut, an M.A. from Trinity College and an M.A. from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. He was ordained in 2011 to the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Newark. He is coordinator for Liturgy and adult faith formation at St. Luke’s Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, a member of the Knights of Columbus and in April 2014, Deacon Saunders was elected by the Board of Directors of the National Association of Diaconate Directors as Regional Representative for Region III (NJ and PA). His article, “Meeting Modern Challenges”, was published in Deacon Digest Magazine in November 2013.