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**TITLE:** Priestly Spirituality

**TERM:** F **YEAR:** 2009-2010

**PROFESSOR:** Fr. Ephrem Nariculam

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO 12

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The course will focus on an exploration of the history of the Diocesan Priesthood (parish clergy) in the Roman Catholic Church. Topics to be covered will include aspects of parish life such as tensions and governance in the parishes; the different roles of the priest - as pastor, liturgist, counselor and administrator. The course invites students to contemplate how diocesan priesthood works towards forming the people of God, as one family - an integral unit of the diocese and the universal Church.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:** The students, while appreciating the Diocesan Priesthood (parish clergy), they will be oriented to develop their spirituality and mission as future priests; in order to strengthen the diocesan presbyterial communion and to develop an awareness of the significance of the parish clergy in the modern sociological context. The course also will help them to understand/Explain/Describe the importance of Eucharist centered parish life and the family based pastoral involvements.

**PREREQUISITES:** Some readings and exercises will be given in the class for each lecture.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:** The texts for reference will be brought to the notice of the students in the classes.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Summary presentation, Exercise & Animated discussion of the lectures	: 15 %
Reflective papers of one page each for five lectures (out of ten) and a general assignment of not exceeding six pages (40+20)	: 60 %
Final Examination (written)	: 25 %

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