

**RI 275 CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY: INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY
AND THE SACRAMENTS
COURSE SYLLABUS
Benedictine College School of Faith
Module 2:1B**

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Course Description:

RI 275 Celebrating the Christian Mystery: Introduction to Liturgy and the Sacraments

A basic overview of liturgy and the sacraments which builds on Salvation History. What are the means Christ instituted to become “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Pet 1:4)? Why does the “whole liturgical life of the Church revolve around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments” (CCC #1113)? Covering our call to participation in Trinitarian life and participation in this life through the sacraments, this is an overview of “Part II” of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Texts:

Bible

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Christoph Cardinal Schonborn, *Living the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Vol. II, The Sacraments*

Basis of Assessment:

For those taking this course for 1 Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.), satisfactory completion of the course requires punctual attendance to all sessions and engagement in the subject matter of the course.

For those taking this course for 1 College Credit, the requirements for satisfactory completion of the course include all of the above, plus submission of some written work. For a course grade of a “C,” a simple one page lesson plan which incorporates knowledge from the class is required. For a course grade of “A” or “B,” a 2-3 page single-spaced paper **or** a 2-3 page detailed lesson plan is required. The student will center on the mystery of how Christ brings eternal life to us and the means he left for us to partake in it. The student will discuss how the sacraments unite us with Christ and make us ‘one flesh’ with him. Pass/Fail system is alternative grade scale.

Course Objectives:

1. Introduce the mystery of life in God that Jesus revealed (Trinity).
2. Deepen knowledge of participation in Jesus “the eternal life” 1Jn1:1-5 and deification.
3. Introduce the meaning of blessing, liturgy and gift.
4. Introduce the need to partake in the Redemption.
5. Overview all the Sacraments (scriptural basis, development, minister, etc..) and their relationship to the Eucharist.
6. Study the Eucharistic Sacrifice and how to offer oneself along with Christ LG 11. (covenant renewal)
7. Deepen knowledge of the mystery of Holy Communion and participation in the mystery of the Trinity.
8. Study how the authority of the Church exists to serve and continue the forgiveness of sins.