

THEO 60414 - Liturgical Year for the Pastoral Musician

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Course Description

This course is an overview of Sunday and the major seasons of the year for liturgical musicians. It considers key principles of the liturgical year with a view to applying a basic historical and theological understanding of each season to liturgical planning and the selection and evaluation of liturgical music repertoire. **(Two-week course.)**

Goals and Objectives

This course is a graduate-level course in liturgical studies that will focus on the connections between liturgical traditions and pastoral practice. It will ground practice in basic historical and theological understanding of the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year. It is intended to assist students in acquiring:

- an overall sense of the liturgical year in light of a basic theology of liturgical prayer
- a critical understanding of the main theological meaning(s) of each part of the liturgical year, based on its origins and development
- insight into applying such understanding to the selection and evaluation of texts to be sung
- a basic awareness of the functional role of variable sung texts in liturgical worship
- the ability to “fully, consciously, and actively” participate in the celebration of the liturgical year with deeper understanding

Course Outline

TEXT: Maxwell E. Johnson, ed. *Between Memory and Hope: Readings on the Liturgical Year*. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2001. **ISBN-10:** 0814660258 **ISBN-13:** 978-0814660256

- I. Liturgy and Keeping Time
Time as the setting for Christian living and ongoing conversion
- II. Sunday: The Original Feast
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 3 & 4
- III. The Christian Pasch as the Axis of the Liturgical Year / The Paschal Triduum
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 6
Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts, nos. 38-99
(Available on the web <http://www.ewtn.com/library/CURIA/CDWEASTF.HTM>).

- IV. Easter: The Fifty Days
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 7, 13
Circular Letter, nos. 100-108
- V. Lent: The Forty Days
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 8, 12
Circular Letter, nos. 6-37
- VI. The Christmas Cycle
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 16, 17
- VII. There Really is an Advent
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 18
- VIII. Feasts of the Lord and the Order of Ordinary Time
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 14
- IX. Celebrating the Communion of Saints: The Sanctoral Cycle
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 19, 20
- X. Da Capo: Keeping Time in Liturgy
Between Memory and Hope, ch. 23

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