

# **THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION SEMINAR**

**RGF 3040 HS**

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The purpose of this seminar is to facilitate the integration of the major theological themes of the Christian tradition and their implications for church ministry. It places this integration within the culture and context in which we develop our ministerial identity.

## **SEMINAR OBJECTIVES**

- To provide a theological foundation for ministry
- To provide a theological methodology for theological reflection
- To address current theological issues and their challenges to ministerial practice
- To address current pastoral needs and their challenge to theological renewal
- To narrow the perceived dichotomy between faith and reason, and between theology and pastoral practice
- To assist in the integration of ministerial experiences and theological studies
- To provide an occasion for the integration of knowing, being, acting, feeling, and intuiting
- To provide an occasion for mutual sharing, collaboration, community, and risktaking
- To provide an occasion for the giving and receiving of the constructive critique of ministerial practice
- To help to form a ministerial identity

## **SEMINAR OUTCOMES**

*Participants should be able to:*

- Engage in the practice of theological reflection of ministry
- Identify the naming of theological issues that arise in pastoral ministry
- Critically differentiate models of practical theology
- Demonstrate an understanding of pastoral hermeneutics
- Demonstrate the use of models in practical theology as a means of theological methodology
- Critically analyze the interplay of theory and context in doing theology
- Appreciate how the active dialogue between human experience, cultural contexts and the Christian tradition can lead to personal, social, and ecclesial transformation

