PTHM 401 Evangelization and Catechesis (3)
This course examines contemporary theologies and principles of evangelization and catechesis; theories of human and faith development; and various models and methods of evangelization and catechesis. Particular attention will be given to advancing catechetical leadership skills in assessment and strategic planning for program improvement.

PTHM 405 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry (3)
This course introduces students to the theology of ministry, including historical and contemporary theologies of ordained and lay ministry. Students also explore basic methods in the practice of ministry.

PTHM 408 Introduction to Pastoral Care (3)
The course addresses theological approaches to the “care of souls,” including theologies of suffering, grief, and death. Students develop skills in interpersonal dynamics of listening, empathy, systems assessment, professional judgment, and liturgical response in relationship to pastoral care of persons and communities.

PTHM 409 Pastoral Care Ministry: Grief, Illness, and Healing (3)
Pastoral care is the ministry of compassion for the well-being of persons and communities. Traditionally the ministry has included four dimensions of care: healing, guiding, sustaining, and reconciling. This class focuses on healing and sustaining in the midst of loss, grief, illness, dying, and elder care and is grounded in a theology of Christ the healer and good shepherd.

PTHM 410 Pastoral Care Ministry: Guiding and Reconciling (3)
Pastoral care is the ministry of compassion for the well-being of persons and communities. Traditionally the ministry has included four dimensions of care: healing, guiding, sustaining, and reconciling. This class focuses on guiding and reconciling. Guiding pertains to caring for people as they search out their calling and seek spiritual growth and maturity. Reconciling ministry is learning to help people and communities practice seeking and granting forgiveness. Both of these practices take place across a wide range of life experiences. This class will focus on life transitions, discerning callings, trauma and abuse, divorce, addictions, mental health, prison ministry, and community and social conflict. The course is grounded in a theology of Christ the reconciler and savior and future hope.

PTHM 411 Leadership in the Christian Community (3)
Students will explore contemporary theories of leadership and how they relate to effective styles of pastoral leadership in a variety of ministry contexts.

PTHM 412 Clinical Pastoral Education (4-6)
MDIV Students are required to participate in a basic unit of an accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program. MA PMIN students may choose CPE as part of their field education practicum. Clinical pastoral education is conducted at an accredited CPE center.

PTHM 413 Theology of Lay and Ordained Ministry (3)
Students study the biblical foundations, historical development, systematic theology, and canonical structures of ordained and lay ministry in the Church. Cross-listed with DOCT 413.

PTHM 415 Celibacy and Sexuality (2)
This course explores both the understanding of sexuality and celibacy in the Christian tradition in literature and art and the spiritual dimensions of sexuality and celibacy through prayer and personal development.

PTHM 417 Homiletics (3)
Development of speaking, reading, and preaching skills at the eucharist and in other liturgical contexts such as marriage and family counseling or counseling the chemically dependent.

PTHM 418 Dynamics of Spiritual Direction (1-3)
The study of spiritual direction allows students to develop skills in guiding others to identify and articulate their relationship with God through the life of faith, religious experience, discernment, and prayer. Students learn various models of spiritual direction and the purpose and dynamics of peer and individual supervision. Prerequisites: 1) SPIR 437 The Practice of Discernment in Prayer; 2) Completion of an approved ministry core theology course; 3) Admission to the spiritual direction program.

PTHM 420 INTRO TO ECCLESIASTICAL LAW (3)
Students study the theology, history and general principles of Church law. Students will build capacity to effectively analyze and solve canonical cases.
PTHM 422  Matrimonial Jurisprudence (2-3)
This course focuses on specialized training in modern tribunal and administrative determinations of civilly dissolved marriages. Students examine modern annulment practices in local dioceses.

PTHM 426  Liturgical Presidency (3)
Training in all aspects of liturgical presiding for those who will lead worship, including study of directives and rubrics in the relevant official documents. Use of gesture and voice, including singing, to relate well to the assembly and to other liturgical ministers. For future priests, emphasis on celebrating Mass. For future deacons, emphasis on their role at Mass, as well as presiding at Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest and other rites such as baptism. For lay students, emphasis on Sunday Celebrations in Absence of a Priest, and other rites such as funeral vigils. Prerequisite: Liturgical Celebration.

PTHM 450  Church Administration (3)
This course allows students to explore the theology and practice of administration in relationship to: leadership theory, parish governance, human resources, financial systems, facility management, office services, technology management, and conflict management.

PTHM 452  Youth Ministry (1-3)
This course will explore the vision and practice of Catholic youth ministry within the framework of a theology of evangelization and catechesis. Emphasis will be placed on exploring contextual issues facing youth and families. Particular attention will be given to developing research methodology for assessing the youth ministry programs with the purpose of program improvement.

PTHM 454  Ministry Through the Life Cycle (3)
This course will provide an overview of pastoral and spiritual issues that ministers encounter with individuals and families in various life stages. Issues included in the course also include the lifecycle of a family and the cycle of healing for people.

PTHM 456  Rural Social Issues (3)
Students will learn about major social issues affecting rural America, the social justice dimensions of these issues, and their implications for ministry in the Church. Cross-listed with MORL 456.

PTHM 457  Sacramental Catechesis (3)
This course addresses catechetical methods for initiation into the sacramental life of the church and discipleship, including the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, and marriage. Issues of liturgical catechesis, readiness of candidates, preparation of the community and families will be incorporated.

PTHM 458  Social Ministry (3)
This course examines social outreach programs, which include direct service ministries such as homeless shelters, prison ministry, food pantries, as well as initiatives that address systemic social, political and economic change. Students explore how the Catholic social teaching traditions inform a broad range of ministries at the parish, diocesan, and national levels.

PTHM 459  Field Education (1-6)
Students work with an organization, project, or parish in the area of their ministerial interest. The supervised experience requires the students to integrate theological knowledge with pastoral practice in developing vocational identity as a public minister, exploring issues of leadership, power and authority; and gaining facility in articulating the Christian faith and in fostering the development of faith with others. Students will reflect on the practice of ministry in theological reflection groups.

PTHM 465  Pastoral Seminar (3)
This course marks the culmination of the student’s preparation for ministry. Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze and construct a response to pastoral situations utilizing biblical, theological, historical, and social scientific resources.

PTHM 468  Topics in Ministry (1-3)

PTHM 469  Topics in Canon Law (1)

PTHM 470  Independent Study (1-3)