

Introduction – Overview of PA641DE Better Homilies.

Overview: A preacher needs to develop a number of physical and practical talents before he ever considers the more strenuous gift of identifying and communicating the message of the Word of God he will author in his ministry

He must be comfortable with himself in front of an audience; he must be confident in his ability to speak and proclaim; he must learn to use his God-given gifts of voice and expression to their potential.

During his first year of preparation to preach, the candidates are (should have been) exposed to the proper proclamation of the Word, beginning with the scripture passages reserved to the minister of Reader (Lector). The preacher should know the format of the Lectionary. He should have a sense of the relationship of the various readings and prayers within the Liturgy of the Mass and the sequence of readings reserved to the seasons of the Liturgical year.

In the ensuing Modules we will learn how all these fit with the practical requirements of public speaking and the spiritual challenge of interpreting and conveying the Word of God.

There is NO REQUIRED TEXTBOOK for this course.

Learning Modules

Module 1 - Theology and History of the Deacon as Preacher

Module 2 - Am I Spiritually Ready to Preach?

Module 3 - How Does the Setting Control the Homily?

Module 4 - Stand up Straight: People are Watching You!

Module 5 - Picking a Message and Sticking to it

Module 6 - Prepare and Upload First Homily

Module 7 - To Write or not to Write ... what is right?

Module 8 - The Entire Liturgical Celebration

Module 9 - Honey, I Don't Know Where to Start

Module 10 - Are my Homilies Predictable

Module 11 - Prepare and Upload Second Homily

Module 12 - Helps Identify Ways to Improve