
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