

**DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS
DIACONATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
At The Pontifical College Josephinum**

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QUARTER: Fall Year I
Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

COURSE TITLE: Pentateuch and Historical Writings (Bi 7004.1)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A methodological introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures and a survey of the Priestly History (Genesis to Numbers) and the Deuteronomical History (Deuteronomy to Kings).

SKILL OBJECTIVES: the deacon-student will:

1. appreciate the major difficulties presented in reading the Pentateuch and Historical Writings; be able to handle discussions of questions on this material
2. discuss the value of archaeology and modern critical methodology in the study of the Old Testament; be familiar with present-day tools of research
3. see how the writings developed from oral tradition to their present form
4. appreciate the lands and peoples of the Hebrew Scriptures
5. Understand the Pentateuch and Historical Writings as inspired literary works that reveal God and God's relationship to the People of God through the ages
6. be able to use these writings in preaching, other pastoral works, and prayer

TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS:

Bibles: The Catholic Study Bible
choose The New American Bible, NRSV with Apocrypha
one or The Jerusalem Bible
two The Jewish Study Bible: Featuring The Jewish Publication Society TANAKH Translation

Texts: Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch by Jean-Louis Ska,
translated by Sr. Pascale Dominique.
Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction by Lawrence Boadt.
Interpreting the Historical Books, An Exegetical Handbook
by Robert B. Chisholm, Jr.

Commentaries to be familiar with:
Anchor Bible Series, Hermeneia, Interpretation,
Michael Glazier Series, Old Testament Library

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS:

Personally read the Pentateuch, and Joshua, Judges, I-II Samuel, I-II Kings
Readings from the assigned texts
Two written assignments, one *in class* team presentation, and one homily
Take-home midterm and final