

Leadership Ethics
FE 603 (One Credit)
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Location: Severance 202 / Online

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Course Description

This course focuses on developing a theological understanding of ethical Christian leadership which can guide decision-making and the setting of priorities in the parish. Students engage in practical reflection on the shape of “the good pastorate.”

Course Objectives

- To develop an understanding of clergy ethics practiced in particular pastoral situations (particularly the challenges of money, maintaining integrity/accountability, confidentiality, healthy boundaries, sex, the abuses of power).
- To recognize the importance of and to create a plan for a system of accountability beyond seminary.
- To cultivate a network of collegiality and mutual support for developing excellence in the practice of ministry.

Curricular Objectives

- Nurture habits and disciplines of study, prayer and healthy leadership that increase the student’s love of God and neighbor and shape their personal and professional lives.
- Integrate theology and practice in all areas of life and ministry.

Required Text

- Trull, Joe E and Creech, R. Robert. *Ethics for Christian Ministry* (Baker Academic, 2017)

Course Requirements

- Regular attendance
- Consistent participation in all class discussions and/or online forums
- Completion of assigned reading
- Completion of all written assignments, showing learnings acquired from readings and discussion.