

## Ministry Formation Preview Sheet: 2019

1. Fr. David Peck

2. New Testament I: 11/16/19

3. Reading list:

Recommended Text: *A Walk Through the New Testament*: Margaret Nutting Ralph 2009

Recommended Text: *The Catholic Study Bible* (CSB; 2nd ed.; with Revised Old Testament; New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) ISBN 978-0195297768.

While other annotated Bibles are acceptable, avoid the following translations as too inexact for classroom use: *The Way*; *The Living Bible*; *The New King James Bible*; *Good News Bible*; *Contemporary English Version*.

4. Introduction to the topic to be addressed: A brief introduction to several major works of the New Testament and to methods of biblical interpretation. Special attention is paid to the life settings and theology of the New Testament authors and audiences, as well as to pastoral implications of the texts. We will employ a combination of lecture and discussion.

5. Comments or guide questions that might assist candidates in understand the assigned reading and/or promote thinking on the topic to be addressed: The New Testament will introduce participants to the three worlds of historical background, literary features, and interpretive possibilities of the New Testament; survey the major divisions of the Bible; and present examples of how to interpret the Bible using contemporary methodologies.

6. Any expectations you have of the candidates for this class that would prepare them for active participation in the class:

- knowledge of the basic content of the major New Testament writings;
- understanding the biblical roots of Christology, ecclesiology, and Christian life/moral theology;
- appreciation of pastoral implications of the biblical texts;
- preparation for more advanced study of New Testament documents and topics.