

# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF TULSA DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

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☐ Course Title: The Logic of Human Anthropology

- A mathematical approach to Christian Behavior.

☐ Score: This class will help the newly ordained deacons of the Diocese of Tulsa

assess the possibility of Christian Behavior amidst a journey towards greater self-honesty through a deeper understanding of the interior logic

which girds the Church's magisterial pronouncements.

☐ INSTRUCTOR: Prof. Hudson Byblow

### ☐ Information and Course Pre-requisites :

- The class will be taught in the standard lecture format with adequate time given to the students for questions and answers;
- The course will be taught on a single weekend, February 13-15, 2015 at the St. Katherine Drexel Academic Center for the Diocese of Tulsa 2450 North Harvard Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma:
- The class is limited to those men who have been ordained as deacons for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tulsa;
- Prerequisites include the successful completion of the Deacon
  Formation academic program, with specific concentration of classes in
  ethics (1 class), moral theology (3 classes), and modern philosophy (1
  class).

#### CLASS OUTLINE

## Section 1: To logically express and explain how

Session 1 on Friday night and Session2 on Saturday Morning

- 1. Our universe is most likely not static in size
- 2. The concept of "All" needs to include that which is greater than our universe
- 3. Supernatural Invisible and Natural Invisible are distinct
- 4. The Natural Invisible is greater than Natural Visible
- 5. Both the Natural Invisible and the Supernatural Invisible are relevant.

## Section 2: To logically express and explain how

Sessions 3 and 4 on Saturday Morning

- 1. Consistent order in our universe exists in successive increments of time
- 2. Intra-universal order is greater than the human experience
- 3. Intangible consistencies are evident within human beings
- 4. Consistent order of our universe reflects consistency of that which is greater than our universe
- 5. The Nature of the Creator is revealed through the order of creation

#### Section 3: To logically express and explain how

Sessions 5, 6 and 7 on Saturday afternoon

- 1. The desire to do "good" (subject to interpretation) is universal amongst human beings
- 2. The desire to achieve self-honesty is valued across cultures
- 3. Free will permits us to reflect varying degrees of self-honesty with regards to identity
- 4. Identity embraced influences our perceptions of what will be fulfilling
- 5. Identities ascribed influence identities embraced
- 6. Incomplete language used acts as a barrier to revealing greater degrees of truth

## Section 4: To logically express and explain how

Sessions 8 on Saturday evening and 9 and 11 on Sunday Morning

- 1. We can better reach people's hearts if we listen
- 2. Christian behavior standards can be better explained if we improve our use of language
- 3. Greater degrees of truth can help people journey towards greater self-honesty
- 4. Greater self-honesty about objective truth can be a tool to initiate transformation of the heart
- 5. Transformation of hearts leads to transformation of lives.

#### Section 5: Summation and final Question & Answers

Final Session on Sunday Morning