



**Doctor of Ministry**

*The Latino Pastor-Theologian:  
Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership*

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**Vision, Mission, Strategic Plan  
2021-2024**

## VISION, MISSION & THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

### Vision

The vision of the doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards a Pastoral Leadership Effective** is to recover the theological vision of the minister as the embodiment of the pastor-theologian, one who confronts present realities with the timeless Gospel that speak to these realities.

### Mission

The mission of the doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** is guided by reflection and action<sup>1</sup> of the pastoral tasks animated by the classical vision and the contemporary reality of the pastor-theologian .

### Theological Framework

The structure<sup>2</sup> of the doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership**:

Focus / Year	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Triple Office of Christ	Priest	Prophet	King
The Jewish-religious experience	The learning	The adoration	Action
Aspects	Text	Context	Person (agency)
Pastoral Tasks	Dogmatic (Stewardship)	Homiletics (Proclamation)	Catechesis (Education)
The Three Theological Virtues	Faith	Hope	Love
In the words of Christ	The truth	Life	The way
The Catechisms of the Reformation	Exhibition of the Creed	Exhibition of The Lord's Prayer	Exhibition of the Decalogue

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<sup>1</sup>Schön, Donald. *The Reflective Practitioner: How professionals think in action*. London: Temple Smith, 1983.

<sup>2</sup>Parrett, Gary and S. Steve Kang. *Teaching the Faith, Forming the Faithful*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009, p. 120.

## Core Principles

### THE MAIN IDEA

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** is based on the ideas outlined in these 3 texts:

1. *The Pastor as Public Theologian*, Kevin J. Vanhoozer
2. *The Theologian Pastor: Resurrecting An Ancient Vision*, Gerald Hiestand
3. *Becoming a Theologian Pastor: New Possibilities for Ecclesiastical Leadership*, Todd Wilson and Gerald Hiestand
4. *Pastoral Theology in the Classical Tradition*, Andrew Purves

### BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** is guided in its emphasis by the three years (2020-2023) by the triple office of Christ:<sup>3</sup>

- Christ as Priest (2020-2021)
- Christ as Prophet (2021-2022)
- Christ as King (2022-2023)

### THE MAIN METHOD<sup>4</sup>

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** will focus on these 4 methodologies throughout the program:

1. Recovering or recovering a classic vision of the pastoral task based on the catholicity of the church
2. Re-conceptualizing and executing the pastoral task from the postmodern reality and the spirit of the contemporary era
3. Incorporating the faces and realities of the communities that the pastors serve and the challenges of a spiritual, social, political, economic, cultural nature that affect pastoral care.
4. Taking into account the paradigmatic changes in the post-pandemic era, appropriating the concepts of resistance, elasticity and social justice accompanied by local, national and global voices.

### THE MAIN SOURCES<sup>5</sup>

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** is anchored in the following:

1. The Word of God (Bible, Holy Scriptures)

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<sup>3</sup>See end for summary of the triple office of Christ and its mentions in the Reformed Confessions, quoted in Beeke, Joel R. and Sinclair B. Ferguson. *Reformed Confessions: Harmonized with Annotated Bibliography of Reformed Doctrinal Works*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1999, pp. 68-73.

<sup>4</sup> The theologies of the recovery of Catholicity (inspired by the legacy of John B. Webster, Thomas C. Oden and others) and contemporary theologies guide the method.

<sup>5</sup> See at the end Biblical, Dogmatic, Doctrinal and Theological Bases Diagram of Concentric Circles (*Bible Doctrine* of James W. Beeke, Reformed Heritage Publishing House).

2. Church Creeds (Dogmas)
3. The Doctrine of the Church (Standards)
4. Theology (Biblical and Doctrinal Reflections)

### **CATHOLICITY AS A PRINCIPLE**

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** seeks to expose the pastor-theologian to the lessons of the pastoral task of these 4 church eras:

1. Patristics
2. Medieval
3. Reformation
4. Modern / Contemporary / Global

### **THE MAIN RESOURCES**

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** seeks the learning of the pastoral task using and citing the following 5 indicators:

1. Documents
2. Figures
3. Doctrines
4. Movements
5. Strategies

### **MAIN SYNTHESIS**

The doctoral program **The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** operates under the premise of the union between the following 4 components:

1. Faith and reason
2. Evangelical piety (biblical fidelity) and academic reflection
3. The Reformed Heritage and the Catholicity of the Church
4. Theory and action

# Itinerary

## FIRST YEAR - 2021-22

### **PRIESTLY MINISTRY: MEDIATING LIFE**

### **CONTENT EMPHASIS: The Theologian as Pastor: The Deposit of the Christian Faith and The Church (Steward)**

#### **First week - Dogmatics and History: Foundations and Resources of the Pastor Theologian**

*Core Texts First Week - October 4-15, 2021*

*Focus texts:*

1. *The Pastor as Public Theologian*, Kevin J. Vanhoozer
2. *The Theologian Pastor: Resurrecting An Ancient Vision*, Gerald Hiestand
3. *Becoming a Theologian Pastor: New Possibilities for Ecclesiastical Leadership*, Todd Wilson and Gerald Hiestand
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*By period:*

- ❖ Patristic Era: *The Pastoral Rule*, Gregory the Great
- ❖ Medieval Era: *The Itinerary of the Mind Towards God*, Saint Bonaventure
- ❖ Reformed Era: *The Reformed Pastor*, Richard Baxter
- ❖ Modern / Contemporary Era: *The Theological Vision of Óscar Romero: Liberation and Transfiguration of the Poor*, Edgardo Colón-Emeric

#### **Second Week - Ecclesiology: Reforming The Church, The Health of the Church, Leading in Times of Change, The Comprehensive Mission, Contextual Pastoral Care**

*Core Texts Second Week - October 26-30, 2020*

- ❖ *Reflections on the Health of the Church*, Hector Rodriguez
- ❖ *The Need to Reform the Church*, Juan Calvino
- ❖ *Leading in a Culture of Change*, Eddie Gibbs
- ❖ *Being Church in the Age of Void*, Harold Segura
- ❖ *Know Your Faith: Christianity for the 21st Century*, Justo González
- ❖ *Contextual and Comprehensive Pastoral Care*, Rebeca Radillo

### **INVESTIGATION EMPHASIS:**

- ✓ The Doctor of Ministry
  - The Project and its Expectations
    - First year:
      - Selection of Topics & Preparation of the first project proposal<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> See Western Theological Seminary - Doctor of Ministry Program Reference Guide 2019 - <http://www.westernsem.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-DMin-Reference-Guide.pdf>

- Research Components (guided by Nancy Jean Vyhmeister's Theological Research Manual)<sup>7</sup>
  - What is theological research? Biblical exegesis
  - Thematic research. Descriptive research.
  - The development of programs as research. The development of cases as investigation
  - Written for publication. Thesis for postgraduate academic degrees
  - Thesis for professional graduate degrees. Library
  - Internet in research. The selection of the theme
  - Research planning. Bibliographic record
  - The way of thinking in research. Reading, evaluation and notes
  - Organization of work. The writing of the work
  - References and Notes. Statistics and its graphic representations
  - Research paper format. Footnotes and bibliographic entries
- Other topics abounded by the teacher will be:
  - Identifying the Topic
  - Posing and Formulating the Problem / Phenomenon
  - Identifying and Asking the Research Question
  - The Conceptual Frameworks
  - Components of the Proposal
  - Selecting Methods
  - Selection of Instruments
  - Writing The Literature Review
- Project Timelines and Evaluation

## **SECOND YEAR - 2022-2023**

### **PROPHETIC MINISTRY: PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH**

#### **CONTENT EMPHASIS: The Pastor Theologian: The Interpretation and The Proclamation: Biblical, Theological and Contextual Perspectives (Communicator)**

##### *Congregational Resistance and Elasticity*

The need for interpretation and the folly of preaching in the face of the present crisis: A reading of the challenges and challenges of the Hispanic American church in the 21st century

#### **First week - Hermeneutics (The Interpretation):** Biblical, Theological and Contextual Perspectives (Communicator)

Preliminary comments:

- *Ancient Christian Doctrine*, Joel C. Elowsky (IVP, 2009)
- *Scripture Commentary on the Reformation*, Carl L. Beckwith, Timothy George
- *Reading The Scriptures with the Reformers*, Timothy George (IVP, 2011)
- *Handbook for New Testament Exegesis*, Editor John D. Harvey, (Kregel, 2019)

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<sup>7</sup>The student can also use the following but with modifications: Garcia, Gervasio L. (1989). *Putting together the story: The thesis in the less transparent region and other essays*. Hurricane Editions.

- *The Word of God for the People of God: An Entryway to the Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, J. Todd Billings (Eerdmans, 2010)

*Core Texts First Week by era (to be decided) - Dr. David A. Escobar Arcay*

- ❖ Eras: Patristic, Medieval, Reformed, Modern / Contemporary: TBD

**Week Two - Homiletics (The Proclamation):** Biblical, Theological and Contextual Perspectives (Communicator)

*Core Texts Second Week - Guest Faculty (Dr. Jared E. Alcántara and others)*

**INVESTIGATION EMPHASIS:**

- ✓ Second year: Second preparation of the thesis project proposal and its approval
- ✓ Start working on the thesis project proposal

**THIRD YEAR - 2023-2024**

**ROYAL MINISTRY: RULING ALL THINGS**

**CONTENT EMPHASIS: The Theologian Pastor: Clergy, Social Justice and Spiritual Transformation for Mission (Discipleship)**

*Personal and Pastoral Resistance and Elasticity*

The mandate of discipleship and the need for transformation in the face of crisis: A reading of the challenges and challenges of the Hispanic American church in the 21st century

**Week One - Leadership, Social Justice, and Practical Theology:** Biblical, Theological and Contextual Perspectives (Educator)

*Core Texts First Week by era (to be decided) - Dr. David A. Escobar Arcay*

- ❖ Eras: Patristic, Medieval, Reformed, TBD
- ❖ Modern / Contemporary Era:
  - *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
  - *The Pastor: A Memoir*, Eugene Peterson
  - *A Change of Heart: A Personal and Theological Memoir*, Thomas C. Oden

Texts for Practical Theology:

- ❖ *Practical Theology: Theology and Praxis of Pastoral Action*, Cassiano Floristan
- ❖ *Practical Theology: An Introduction*, Richard R. Osmer
- ❖ *Contextual Theology Models*, Stephen B. Bevans

**Second week - Spiritual Transformation for Spiritual Formation (Discipleship and Spirituality) and Christian Education (Catechesis):** Biblical, Theological, and Contextual Perspectives (Soul Keeper)

*Core Texts Second Week - Guest Faculty (Dr. Church DeGroat, Rev. Eddy Alemán and others - tentative)*

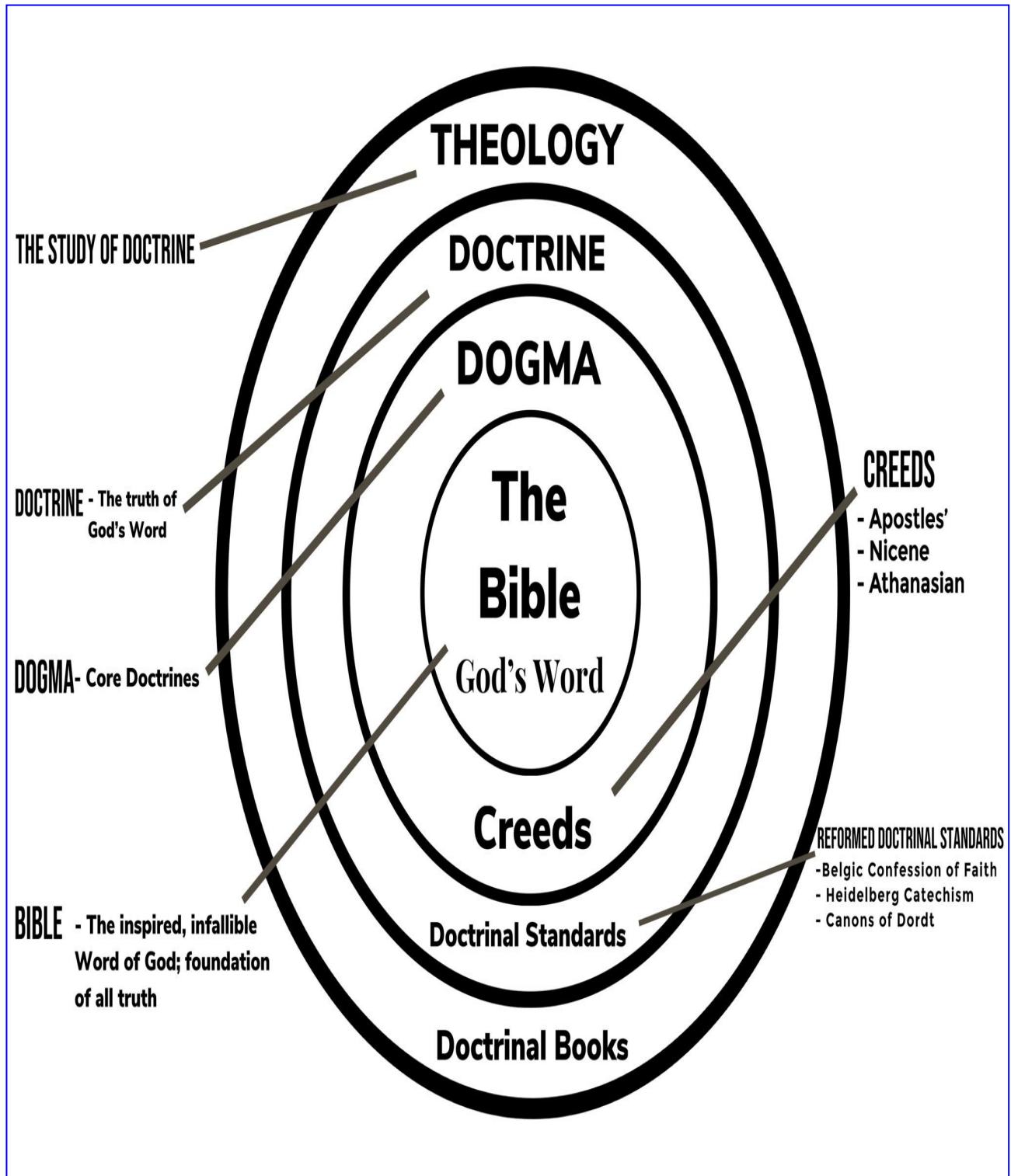
- ❖ TBD

**INVESTIGATION EMPHASIS:**

- ✓ Third year: Complete the final form of the project proposal and approval of the thesis project proposal
- ✓ Write, defend and submit the thesis project



**Biblical, Dogmatic, Doctrinal and Theological Bases**  
Concentric Circles Diagram  
(James W. Beeke Bible Doctrine, Reformed Heritage Publishing House)



### The Three Facets of Faith<sup>8</sup>

The Jewish religious experience (Heschel)	Learning	Worship	Action
Three purposes of the synagogue	House of Study	House of Prayer	House of Assembly
<i>The Christian life experience</i>	<i>Lex credendi</i>	<i>Lex Orandi</i>	<i>Lex Vivendi</i>
<i>Augustine's "Enchiridion"</i>	Faith — concerning the Creed	Hope — concerning the Our Father	Love — of God and neighbor
<i>Benedictine rhythm in monastic life</i>	Sacred study	Opus Dei	Labor in service of the community
<i>The Reformation catechisms</i>	Exposition of the Creed	Exposition of the Lord's Prayer	Exposition of the Decalogue
<i>The Tanakh</i>	Torah — Torah shapes Israel	Khetuvim — Torah contemplated	Nevi'im — Torah obeyed
<i>Threefold office of Christ</i>	Prophet, proclaiming truth	Priest, mediating life	King, declaring, enforcing law
<i>John's tests of the believer</i>	Believes the truth about Jesus Christ	God's Spirit witnesses within	Obeys God, loves brothers and sisters
<i>Paul's commands to Timothy</i>	Watch your doctrine		Watch your life
<i>Paul's commands to Titus</i>	Teach sound doctrine		Teach what accords with sound doctrine
<i>Four commitments of Acts 2:42</i>	The apostles' teaching	The breaking of the bread; prayers	The fellowship
<i>The three theological virtues</i>	Faith	Hope	Sees it
<i>Our deep longings (Lewis)</i>	<i>Sehnsucht</i>		
<i>expressed in three quests (Stott)</i>	Significance	Transcendence	Community
<i>which are reflected in philosophy as</i>	Epistemology	Ontology	Axiology
<i>In answer to the above. . .</i>	. . . we proclaim Christ! (Col. 1:28)		
<i>By preaching and teaching. . .</i>	. . . the glorious Gospel of the blessed God (1 Tim 1:11)		
<i>three dimensions of the one Faith</i>	sound doctrine that conforms to the Gospel	the life-giving benefits that flow from the Gospel	the way of living that accords with the sound doctrine
<i>In other words, we teach Christ who is</i>	The Truth	The Life	The way

<sup>8</sup>Cited on Parrett, Gary and S. Steve Kang. Teaching the Faith, Forming the Faithful. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009, page 120.

