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FDT3670 The Sacraments: Theological and Pastoral

Tuesday, 24th January 2012

Time: 11.45 – 13.45

Answer **ONE** question from **EACH** section.

Use a different script for each section

Section A

- ①. Salvation and the Christian sacraments. Elaborate.
2. Divine institution of the sacraments and their relation to Old Testament and non-Christian rites. Discuss.
3. Operation and peculiar grace of the Sacraments. Elaborate.

Section B

- ④. Sacramental grace in the life of the Christian entails responsibility and commitment. Discuss.
5. In the celebration of the sacraments, Christians encounter the Paschal Mystery and experience it in their daily life. Elaborate.
6. “Christian sacraments are surely not to be reduced to mere rites of passage. Yet there is clearly a certain analogy between the most important moments of life and the celebration of the sacraments as interpretations of the *new* (Christian) life story. In post-modern sacramental theology, the dimension of the ritualization of life or metaphoric celebration of existence must be affirmed and maintained as a permanent component” (Lambert Leijssen, *With the Silent Glimmer of God's Spirit*, New York 2006, pp.7-8). Discuss.