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MAY/JUNE 2005 SESSION OF ASSESSMENTS

FDT5460 Building the Ecclesial Community Monday 30 May 2005

13.00 – 15.00

Answer ANY TWO questions

Use different scripts for the individual parts of each question.

- 1(a) Whenever we are provided with a description of the Community in the New Testament, one characteristic stands out as basic and fundamental. Delineate this characteristic with reference to the Old Testament as well.
and
- 1(b) With the help of patristic imagery, liturgical data and any contemporary author/s you have studied, which are the central values in the building of a truly Christian community?
- 2(a) “The priesthood, as the Council saw it, can no longer be viewed in an individualistic way. It must be recognized as clearly communitarian and ecclesial, important dimensions that were part of priestly ministry in the early centuries of the Church. The priest is Christ, who lives and carries out a variety of ministries, all united around the bishop. The principal agent of pastoral work is no longer an individual but a community: it is the diocesan priesthood which through its unity makes the bishop present”. (Pepe Enrico, “Priestly Formation in the History of the Church”, in *Priests of the Future: Formation and Communion*, ed. Michael Mulvey. New York: New City Press, 1991,19.)
and
- 2(b) Compare and contrast the relationship that exists, between the Church and the family.

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