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PLC5000 Pastoral Theology:
History, Method, Basic Concepts

Tuesday 31 May 2005

09.15 – 11.15

Answer ONE question from each section

Section A

1. Pastoral theology has been defined as the theology of ecclesial action. Explain.
2. What method would you suggest as the most suitable for pastoral theology? Discuss.

Section B

1. Ecclesial discernment has as its first premise the belief that God's Spirit wants to show the Church the direction it is called to take. Discuss the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and the necessity of discernment to recognise the work of the Spirit.
2. Discuss the Pastoral Plan 2005-2006 for Synod Implementation in the light of the basic elements in the methodology of planning.