

Final Synthesis

The final synthesis is the last element of your portfolio. You will complete it after you have written all three research papers, participated in all three liturgies, and written all three liturgy reflection papers.

Drawing on material from all six of your papers (three research and three reflection), create a product that expresses and reflects on what you have learned in the course of this project. Rather than simply summarizing your knowledge, a synthesis invites you to take a look at the big picture and notice associations, connections, relationships, and common themes in what you have been learning. You may also make connections among elements of this project, the course content you have been studying all semester, and your personal experience. Your final synthesis product can be any of the following items:

- a PowerPoint presentation
- a reflective essay
- a creative writing piece
- a poster, painting, or other type of visual display
- a podcast
- a Web page
- a video

Your teacher may offer you additional product options as well.

Use the following questions to guide you as you create your synthesis, keeping in mind that you are not limited to these. When possible, use specific examples and information from your papers or from the liturgies in which you participated.

- How did this project enhance your understanding of the Paschal Mystery?
- How did this project help you to grow as a disciple of Jesus?
- How did this project broaden your understanding of liturgy, especially how we experience the Paschal Mystery in liturgy?
- What effect did this project have on your prayer life?
- As you conclude this course, what do you think is the most important insight you have gained into the Paschal Mystery? What is one concrete way in which you will try to incorporate that insight into your daily life—to live it out in your own unique way?

