



'Absolution Under Fire' by Paul Wood

Study Trip: Chaplains at Gettysburg, 1863

Wesley Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Program
D.Min. Elective Opportunity
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**A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 due June 1, 2017 is required to hold a spot on this trip.
Addition logistical information will be made available on the Dmin Current Students website.**

Course Description:

This course examines the ministries of some of the 238 Union and Confederate chaplains who were present at the Battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863, as a case study of ministry in a high stress environment. Students will review some of the legal, political, theological, and social issues that formed the background for the chaplains' participation in what some called a just and holy war. Memoirs of chaplains who were eyewitnesses at the battle will be examined in detail to discern how chaplains thought about the war and their part in it. In so far as is possible, the locations and activities of chaplains before, during, and after the battle will be analyzed to gain an understanding of the specific services chaplains performed for soldiers. The students and faculty instructors will visit Gettysburg for a battlefield tour.



*Rev. Father William Corby, C.S.C.
Chaplain 88th Regiment New York Infantry
giving general absolution and blessing
before the battle at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863*