

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

TH 330

Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, Ph.D.

The concepts of revelation, faith, tradition, inspiration, canonicity, inerrancy, theology, and the meaning of dogma and its development are treated in relationship to the normative role of Scripture, tradition, and the magisterium. The *sensus fidelium*, pluralism, and theological hermeneutics will be considered together with the possibility and manner of dissent within the life of the Church.

3 credits

Thursday 8:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY

TH 332

Rev. Joseph Koopman S.T.D.

Foundational issues concerning Christian morality will be treated, including the historical development of moral theology, foundations of moral experience, Roman Catholic sources of moral wisdom, and the foundation of moral norms. Special attention is given to examining the place of "Natural Law" in Catholic moral theology, the place of the virtues of love and prudence in the Christian moral life, and the place of conscience formation and concrete moral decision-making in a Catholic, Christian context.

3 credits

Wednesday 6:45 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.

PASCHAL MYSTERY

TH 333

Rev. Gerald J. Bednar, Ph.D.

The ongoing theological interpretation of Jesus the Christ will be studied especially as the Church has come to understand the profound interrelationship between the human and divine through the Scriptures, the texts of the great Christological Councils, and its ongoing life of faith. (Prerequisites: TH 330 and SC 314)

3 credits

Monday 6:45 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CHURCHES, AND MARY

TH 337

Rev. Scott Detisch, Ph.D.

The mission of the Church and the evolution of its structures will be examined especially in light of the teachings of Vatican II and subsequent developments. The course includes a study of the historical origins of the Church, models of the Church, laity, leadership, the common call to holiness, ecumenism, and Mariology.

3 credits

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

BIOETHICS

TH 338

Mr. Andrew Trew, L.L.D., DIP. Law

This course investigates various issues in the field of biomedicine considered in light of present magisterial teaching, ethical principles and contemporary reflection. Fundamental principles of moral action are applied to some of the pressing contemporary issues concerning the beginning and ending of human life, such as "high tech" reproductive procedures, genetic engineering, withholding or withdrawing artificial life-support systems, artificial nutrition and hydration, euthanasia, and assisted-suicide.

2 credits

Friday 8:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

GOD: ONE AND THREE

TH 345

Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, Ph.D.

This systematic study of the doctrine of the Trinity will explore the biblical, historical, and magisterial foundations of the nature of God as defined amid the early Christological controversies and councils. Current developments in Trinitarian theology will be handled in light of modern understandings of language, methodology, symbols and faith experience.

2 credits

Tuesday 8:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

SEMINAR ON THE ETHICAL ISSUES AROUND GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

TH 543

Rev. Donald H. Dunson, Ph.D.

This seminar course will explore the Church's mission of solidarity with the poor, marginalized and underdeveloped peoples of the world. Select readings will guide students to develop and apply ethical principles through an analysis of specific global communities jeopardized by AIDS, poverty and inadequate access to health care.

2 credits

Tuesday 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL

STUDIES

CHURCH HISTORY II

HIS 324

Rev. Thomas W. Tift, Ph.D.

3 credits

Tuesday 8:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

A survey of the Church's history from 1300 C.E. to the present is covered in this course. Among the topics treated in detail are the following: Avignon Papacy, the Western Schism, Conciliarism, the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic Reform, Jansenism, the Church and Liberalism, Vatican Council I, Modernism, and Vatican Council II. Particular emphasis will be placed on important trends and ideas underlining these events and movements. While primarily a reading and lecture course, opportunities will also be provided for individual research on particular subjects.

BIBLICAL

STUDIES

BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS

SC 310

Rev. Lawrence Tosco, CSJ, S.S.D.

2 credits

Monday 6:45 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.

This course introduces the history, methods, and philosophical groundings of scriptural interpretation. The course will attempt to make conscious and explicit a sampling of the available avenues of interpretation by which understanding a scriptural text is possible. Both historical and post-critical methodologies will be explored. A survey of the attempt to understand the historical Jesus will be included. (This course serves as a prerequisite for all biblical courses.)

PSALMS AND WISDOM

SC 313

Rev. Lawrence Tosco, CSJ, S.S.D.

2 credits

Wednesday 9:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This course will first examine the formation, use, and significance of the book of Psalms. A number of individual psalms will then be studied, with special attention not only to their literary genre but also to their poetic design, location within the Psalter, theological value, and reinterpretation in Israel and in the Christian Church. Attention will next turn to the Wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job, Qohelet, Sirach, Wisdom, and the Song of Songs) for a consideration of their origin, literary structure, and theological significance.

PAULINE LITERATURE AND CATHOLIC EPISTLES

SC 315

Rev. George M. Smiga, S.T.D.

2 credits

Monday 1:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

With an introduction to Pauline literature the course explores the life and work of St. Paul. Exegesis will be done with emphasis on selected passages of the genuine letters of Paul, great Pauline themes, and Pauline theology. Included in the course is an introduction and exegesis of selected passages from James, I and II Peter, Jude, and Hebrews.

LITURGICAL AND

SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

LIT 377

LITURGICAL PREACHING IN A PASTORAL SETTING

Rev. Thomas M. Dragga, D.Min.

1 credit

Monday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (11:30 for split classes)

This course comprises further development on the theory and practice of preaching. The course develops the theology and methodology of preaching in varied situations in the pastoral setting. The student will be required to write and deliver homilies in class for various preaching events such as funerals, weddings, children's liturgy, social justice issues, etc. (Prerequisite: LIT 375)

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

LIT 388

Rev. Michael G. Woost, S.T.L.

2 credits

Friday 9:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This course presents theological and pastoral consideration of the Roman Catholic Church's rituals of initiation, taking as its normative point of departure the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as the focus. Included will be an examination of the sources and development of the Church's initiatory practice and discussion of pertinent contemporary pastoral issues.

PAS 353**INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY****3 credits****Rev. John F. Loya, M.A.****Monday/Friday 8:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.**

This course introduces the student to Christian Spirituality in such a way as to help the student to be able to distinguish it from non-Christian spiritualities. Some of the aspects of Christian spirituality to which the student will be introduced are the nature of scriptural spirituality, asceticism, mysticism, and pastoral spirituality; mystical insights into the Beatitudes, prayer, forgiveness and healing; Ignatian discernment of spirits, Teresian spiritual growth principles and John of the Cross' Via Negative and the Dark Nights (Prerequisite: individuals currently enrolled in formation programs).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE**PAS 356****3 credits****Sr. Donna Marie Bradesca, O.S.U., D.Min.****Thursday 8:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

This course introduces the student to the content of the Christian message as it serves the faith development of children, adolescents, and adults. Pertinent catechetical sources, age-appropriate learning styles, psychological readiness postures, and suitable teaching methodologies provide a foundation for future teaching. Various techniques are explored to enhance teaching. The pastoral role and responsibility of the Church for education and formation is focused on for each age level including the adult.

CANON LAW I**PAS 360****3 credits****Rev. Gary D. Yanus, J.C.D.****Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.**

A general introduction to Church law, its relationship to theology, and its role in the Church is offered in this course, including principles of interpretation as well as basic canonical concepts of Book I. Topics from Book II include rights and responsibilities of laity, religious, and clergy; ecclesial structures of collegiality and shared responsibility at the parish, diocesan, supradiocesan, and universal levels, with special focus on the local Church. A brief introduction is given to the power of governance, the Church's teaching office, and the sacraments of initiation.

MAJOR THEMES IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**PAS 769/SC 769****2****credits****Rev. Robert L. McCreary, OFM Cap, S.T.D.****Monday 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

This seminar course explores the themes (i.e. forms of prayer, spiritual disciplines, abandonment, contemplation, and apostolic action) taken from the history of Christian Spirituality from among the Patristic, Medieval, and Contemporary spiritual writers from the East and West.

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 28, 2009

Tuition: \$ 345.00 per semester credit hour.

A special tuition of \$255.00 per credit hour is granted to Roman Catholic clergy, religious and Certified Pastoral Ministers serving in the Diocese of Cleveland and those accepted into the Diaconate Formation Program or into the Pastoral Ministry Certification process of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Auditors pay \$210.00 per course.

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