Course Description: This course will encourage students to examine moral strengths as lived through the four cardinal virtues — both how these virtues can be obtained and how they are related to the Christian life through the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity), the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Beatitudes.

Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, earned both his Ph.D. and M.Phil. from the Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Louvain). Professor Anderson's current research focuses on Aquinas's conception of virtue, its relation to grace and the role it plays in Aquinas's overall moral science. Related to this is the impact such conceptions have on how Aquinas's moral thought has been read and understood since the Second Vatican Council. Professor Anderson is a member of Centre de Hautes Études et de Recherches sur Thomas D'Aquin and the American Philosophical Association. His classes include Fundamental Moral Theology, The Ethics of Virtue and Catholic Social Teaching.
Course Description: Students will study the Church’s historical and systematic teachings on sexuality through Scriptures, lectures, films, and case studies. Through their findings, students will develop an appreciation of the Catholic view of human sexuality. Topics that will be covered in this course are chastity, friendship, spousal love, procreation, temperance, natural family planning, extramarital sex, masturbation, homosexuality, and birth control.

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John Paul II

Professor: Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski

Course Description: The teachings of Blessed John Paul II continue to shape the Catholic Church and its engagement with the modern world. This course will explore the teaching of John Paul II’s and their powerful religious and moral insights, highlighting John Paul’s ethical approach to human life, culture, social justice, and world peace.

Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski Ph.D. was born in Poland and ordained in 1973 in Lublin, Poland. He studied at the Catholic University of Lublin and earned his doctorate degree in Sociology of Religion in 1984. In June, 1989, he arrived in America to participate in an International symposium of Jewish-Christian dialogue held in Chicago. After two years of pastoral duties in Brooklyn, NY, he participated in two international seminars led by Rev. George F. McLean, Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C, entitled “Evangelization and Culture”, and “Evangelization and Public Life.” Following these seminars, he returned to pastoral duties in the Paterson Diocese. Since 2003, he has been the pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Boonton, NJ. In addition to his parish works, Rev. Tyburski has published the following books: “The Encyclicals of John Paul II: Foundations of Catholic Faith and Morality” (2011), “Polish Champions: Sketches in Human Dignity” (1997), and numerous articles on pastoral, sociological, and historical topics.
Professor: Rev. John Chadwick, S.T.D.

Course Description: In this course, students will study the Biblical, historical, systematic, and liturgical development of Christian marriage from its Biblical origins to its contemporary theology. Moreover, students will better appreciate the sacrament of marriage and learn the Church’s view on divorce and remarriage, faith and marriage, and the pastoral care of Christian marriage.

Rev. John Chadwick, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, received an S.T.L. and an S.T.D. at the Pontificio Ateneo San Anselmo in Rome and has taught theology classes on the undergraduate and graduate levels, specializing in courses on liturgy and sacramental theology.