Course for Spring 2012

Dates: Mondays

Time: 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Location: Alfieri Hall

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Professor: Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.

Course Description: This course will allow students to examine the central characteristics of Roman Catholic moral theology. Students will understand how the discipline unifies Scripture, tradition, the magisterium, human experience and reason, the universal desire for happiness, and the realities of sin and grace to express the dynamics of the Christian moral life conceived as a dialogic response to the gracious initiatives of God and ultimately as an act of worship that finds its source and summit in the Eucharist sacrifice.

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.
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Professor: Rev. W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D.

Course Description: In this course, students will develop skills in using Catholic Church teaching and Natural Law argumentation by examining the concepts of health, the human person, personal and social responsibility, confidentiality, reproductive technologies, abortion, medical research, experimentation, transplants, psychotherapy, addiction, suicide, euthanasia, and care of the disabled, those with AIDS and the dying.

Course Description: This course will provide students with an opportunity to examine in depth the Theology of the Body as presented by Pope John Paul II, through a close reading of John Paul's own words and consideration of commentary from within the Catholic theological community. It will also enable students to explore the theological and pastoral implications of the Theology of the Body for sexual ethics, the sacramentality of marriage, and celibacy.

David Hajduk M.A. has over twenty years of experience in religious education, youth ministry, and family life ministry. He received his MA in Systematic Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, New Jersey and is presently working on his Ph.D. with the Maryvale Ecclesiastical Institute in Birmingham, England.
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.

Course Description: This course will explore theological aspects of Catholic social justice ministry, its scriptural foundations, and its major principles as articulated in Papal and Episcopal documents. The application of these principles are aimed towards family, work, economic systems, and political orders. An examination of how local churches and parishes can become effective instruments in bringing about God’s reign of peace and justice will be made as well.

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Course Description: This course will explore various meanings and definitions of work; Biblical, historical and theological warrants for a theology of work; ecclesial and ecumenical dimensions of a theology of work; theology of work in Catholic social teaching; spirituality of work in today’s culture; applications to business and business ethics; implication and application of theology of work at the parish level.

Julie V. Burkey, D.Min., Coordinator of the Center for Workplace Spirituality and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, holds a master's degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from The Catholic University of America. She has worked with the Institute for Christian Spirituality since its inception, creating a variety of programs and retreats for parishes and academic institutions. Some of the most popular include: *Virtue Ethics in the Workplace*, *A Working Life Retreat*, *Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts*, and others which address the subject of work in all its differing aspects and life stages.