Catalogue description:

“This course presents the origins of the Church in the mission of the Messiah, and the development of Christian understanding of the mystery of the Church. Special attention is given to the ecclesiology of Vatican II: the mystery of the Church with its hierarchical and charismatic gifts, the communion of saints, the Catholic Church’s commitment to ecumenism and religious liberty, and the mission of the Church today. Some consideration will also be given to Catholic social teaching as an articulation of the Church’s mission.”

Required Texts

All students will need the Bible, Vatican I’s Pastor Aeternus, Pius XII’s Mystici corporis Christi, Vatican II’s Lumen gentium and Gaudium et spes, the CDF’s declaration Dominus Iesus, and Pope Francis’ Evangelii gaudium.

In addition, all students will need three books:

Hugo Rahner, Our Lady and the Church (Bethesda, MD: Zacchaeus Press, 2010)

_____, Church and State in Early Christianity (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1992)

Joseph Ratzinger, Called to Communion (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1996)

Finally, MAT and STB students will need one of the following texts:

Avery Dulles, Evangelization for the Third Millennium (new evangelization)

Henri de Lubac, The Splendor of the Church

Ralph Martin, Will Many Be Saved?

Francis Sullivan, Salvation Outside the Church
Note that electronic copies of the readings are not acceptable. You must use printed materials unless an alternative is required to accommodate a documented disability.

**Course Requirements**

There are three requirements (A, B, and C) for all students in this course, and a fourth requirement (D) which is only for students seeking MAT or STB credit:

A. Class attendance, preparedness, and participation  
B. written mid-term exam  
C. written final exam  
D. a book review on one of the four texts listed above (Dulles, Lubac, Martin, or Sullivan)

These requirements are of equal weight. Thus for MDiv students requirements A, B, and C are each worth one-third of the course grade, while for STB and MAT students the requirement A, B, C, and D are each worth one-quarter of the course grade.

Book reviews should follow the ordinary format found in the book review section of a typical theological journal such as The Thomist. The review must be an intelligent discussion of the text, its virtues and shortcomings, and must include a concise summary of the book’s contents and structure. Reviews are to be exactly 1,500 words in length, exclusive of title and the author’s name. No footnotes or endnotes may be used in the review, and the text under discussion should be cited parenthetically by page number alone. For example: “Conquest’s third law is that the simplest way to explain the behavior of any bureaucratic institution is to assume that it is controlled by a cabal of its enemies (74).”

**Course Calendar**

Week 1

Monday January 12    Review of syllabus, introduction  
                    Begin Rahner's *Our Lady and the Church* for mid-term

Wednesday January 14    The names of the Church

Week 2

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Monday January 19 MLK holiday

Wednesday January 21 The Church in Trinitarian perspective

Week 3

Monday January 26 The Church as the true Israel: gathering and election

Wednesday January 28 Persecution and Donatism

Week 4

Monday February 2 Donatism and St. Augustine

Wednesday February 4 Class begins 10:30 am, ends 11:15, due to seminarian evaluations

Week 5

Monday February 9 De civitate Dei; the Church as the perfect society

Wednesday February 11 Church & State: Constantine, Theodosius, and after Rome

Week 6

Monday February 16 Class begins 10:30 am, ends 11:15, due to seminarian evaluations

Wednesday February 18 One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic -- the marks of the Church

Week 7

Monday February 23 Extra ecclesiam nulla salus 1: St. Cyril, medieval & early modern

Wednesday February 25 Extra ecclesiam nulla salus 2: Fr. Feeney, Boston heresy case

Week 8

Monday March 2 Review for mid-term exam

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Wednesday March 4  Mid-term Exam

Spring break week

Week 9

Monday March 16  Begin Ratzinger's Called to Communion for final Ecclesiology at Vatican I -- Pastor aeternus

Wednesday March 18  Infallibility Readings TBA

Week 10

Monday March 23  Ecclesiology at Vatican II Readings TBA

Wednesday March 25  Lumen gentium 1 Readings TBA

Week 11

Monday March 30  Lumen gentium 2 Readings TBA

Easter break

Week 12

Monday April 6  Class cancelled due to seminarian evaluations Read first quarter of Rahner's Church and State in Early Christianity

Wednesday April 8  Class cancelled due to seminarian evaluations Read second quarter of Rahner's Church and State in Early Christianity

Week 13

Monday April 13  Gaudium et spes 1 Readings TBA
Wednesday April 15  
Class cancelled due to seminarian evaluations  
Read third quarter of Rahner's Church and State in Early Christianity  

Week 14  
Monday April 20  
Gaudium et spes 2  
Readings TBA  

Wednesday April 22  
Class cancelled due to seminarian evaluations  
Read fourth quarter of Rahner's Church and State in Early Christianity  

Week 15  
Monday April 27  
Evangelization  
Evangelii gaudium selection TBA  

Wednesday April 29  
Ecumenism  
Ecumenical directory reading TBA  
Review for final exam  

Final Exam Week (May 3 through 8)  
Final exam date for this course TBA  

Disability Accommodations  
If you have a learning disability or any other kind of disability or difficulty that might affect your studies in this course, please speak with the professor about it. Documented disabilities should be on file with the University. All useful and reasonable accommodations will be made for the particular needs of students.  

Technology & Recording Notices  
Students may not record the class sessions for any reason.  

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Students are required to take notes by hand and to use conventional printed texts for all readings, unless an alternative is required in accommodation of a documented learning disability. It has been demonstrated that taking notes by hand and reading from printed materials make for significantly more effective study and classroom engagement.

**Grading**

See "Course Requirements," above, for the number and weight of grades. The grade given for each component will follow the norms of the UST School of Theology: while grades will be curved toward a normal bell-curve distribution, this will be done with the assumption that a satisfactory grade is B, not C.

The mid-term and final exams will be composed of short-answer questions (requiring a phrase or, at most, one or two sentences, to answer them).

**Bibliography**


