1. Course Description

1.1 Catalog Description: A systematic study of how the theological formulations of seven of the great theologians of the 20th century were tributaries of influence in the documents of Vatican II. Specifically, the course will investigate the theological contributions made to Vatican II by (1) Marie-Dominique Chenu with his theology of the “signs of the times;” (2) Yves Congar with his ecclesiological and ecumenical theology; (3) Edward Schillebeeckx with his sacramental theology; (4) Henri de Lubac with his theology of history; (5) Karl Rahner with his anthropocentric theology; (6) Joseph Ratzinger with theology of revelation and (7) John Courtney Murray with his theology of religious freedom.

1.2 Goal: Students will identify the theological contributions of the seven theologians to the documents of Vatican II.

2. Topical Outline

2.1 Vatican II: Introduction, Historical Setting, Themes and the Influence of Theologians

2.2 Catholic Theology Prior to Vatican II – Neo-Scholasticism

2.3 Catholic Phenomenology, “Nouvelle Theologie,” Catholic Personalism, and Transcendental Theology

2.4 Marie-Dominique Chenu and the “Signs of the Times”

2.5 Yves Congar and His Fundamental Theology

2.6 Yves Congar and His Ecclesiology, Ecumenism and Pneumatology

2.7 Edward Schillebeeckx and Sacramental Theology

2.8 Henri de Lubac and Historical Theology

2.9 Karl Rahner, Anthropocentric Theology and the Relation of Grace and Nature

2.10 Joseph Ratzinger and His Theology of Revelation
2.11 John Courtney Murray and the Problem of Religious Freedom

2.12 Theological Tributaries of Influence in the Documents of Vatican II: an Appraisal

3. Textbooks and Selected Bibliography


______. *After Aquinas: Versions of Thomism.* Blackwell Publishing Ltd.: 350 Main Street, MA 02148-5020, 2002.


4. **Format of Presentation:** This course will be a mixture of lecture and student presentations to form the basis of seminar style work.

5. **Required Workload:**

   5.1 Students are expected to complete all the assigned reading and prepare their presentations.

   5.2 **There will be two exams:** a written midterm and a final oral exam. Quizzes may be given at the discretion of the instructor.

   5.3 **Written assignments** are to be submitted on or before the assigned dates, according to the procedures outlined below. Late submissions will not be accepted except by prior arrangement.

   5.3.1 **M.A. and S.T.B. candidates** will prepare an outline of a research paper of with accompanying annotated Bibliography concerning the tributary influence upon Vatican II of one of the seven theologians (periti) to be studied during the semester. **The research topic with annotated Bibliography is to be approved by the instructor by the Midterm Exam on June 18 and the final project of annotated Bibliography will be due on July 01.** It should be well organized, properly documented, typed following the Modern Language Association (MLA) format and the “Guidelines for Nonsexist Use of Language in NCTE (National Council of Teachers in English) Publication”. **Please submit the whole assignment as a single file.**

   5.4 **There will be an oral book review.** You will be expected to read Meet Henri de Lubac: His Life and Work by Rudolf Voderholzer. During the course of a ten minute oral presentation you will be asked to review the book by commenting on the significance of his life and work, especially in relation to his theological influence upon Vatican II. You may consult any personal notes you have made, although you should not be solely dependent upon them.

6. **Grading:** Midterm Written Exam, 25%; Final Oral Exam 25%; **Research Project** for M.A. or S.T.D. candidates 25%; **Oral Book Review** 20%; Attendance, quizzes and participation 5%.
7. Academic Standards

7.1 Academic Honesty: All the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. **Absolutely no cheating or plagiarism (using someone else’s words or ideas without proper attribution) will be tolerated.** Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be handled according to university policy and reported to the University’s Academic Misconduct Committee. They will also be reported to appropriate ecclesiastical authorities where applicable.

As stated in the Norms of Conduct for the University of St. Thomas, academic misconduct includes: (a) cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; (b) assisting others in any such act; (c) attempting to engage in such acts.

Plagiarism is *using the work of another person and claiming it as your own.* The most common types of plagiarism include:

- Using a paper or portion of a paper prepared by someone else;
- Quoting someone else’s language or words without proper quotation or citation; and
- Paraphrasing someone else’s ideas, framework, or insights without giving credit to the original author in a citation.

Students are very strongly urged to consult the following websites for additional information on plagiarism and how to avoid it:

- [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html)
- [http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/polisci/integrity/quiz/](http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/polisci/integrity/quiz/)

**Academic misconduct in any form is unacceptable and suspected violations will be pursued aggressively.**

7.2 Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend every meeting. Any absences without substantive reason (in the judgment of the instructor) will adversely affect your final grade. Regardless of the reasons for absence, students are responsible for the whole content of the course.

8. Office Hours: Email is the preferred way of reaching the instructor. You may also phone my office in the Vianney Hall during regular business hours. If you would like to have a conversation outside of business hours, please email to arrange an appointment. My email address and phone number are given at the top of the syllabus.

9. Submission of Work:

9.1 Work should be submitted either as printed manuscripts or electronically in an email attachment as a Microsoft Word or Rich Text file, to [andersjb@stthom.edu](mailto:andersjb@stthom.edu).

9.2 Format: Please identify each and every assignment you send with this label:

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This is how my Final Project should appear:

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9.3 Use this label format in three places:

a. **In the topic of the email;**

b. **as the name of the file;**

c. **in the header on page (1) of the paper, placed in the top left hand corner.**
9.4 Rationale for the format: This format will organize each student’s work under his/her own name in my files, and facilitate my retrieval of each document without having to re-label it.

10. Calendar of Classes and Required Readings:
   The class meets once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:45pm for the duration of the summer session as follows:

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   Please note that each part of the course has been divided into topics, with readings assigned and recommended for each topic.

   Alberigo, Giuseppe. *A Brief History of Vatican II*. 
   Chapter 6 – “For the Renewal of Christianity,” pp. 119-130.
   Lamb, Matthew (editor) and Matthew Levering. *Vatican II: Renewal within Tradition*. 
   O’Malley, John W. *What Happened at Vatican II*. 
   Introduction, pp. 1-14. 
   Chapter 1 – “Big Perspectives on a Big Meeting,” pp. 15-52.
   Pope Paul VI, Address During the Last General Meeting of the Second Vatican Council, December 7, 1965.
10.2 Catholic Theology Prior to Vatican II – Neo-Scholasticism – May 27, 2015

Kerr, Fergus. *After Aquinas: Versions of Thomism.*

Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians.*

Mettepenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Theologie – New Theology: Inheritor of Modernism, Precursor of Vatican II.*

Cessario, Romanus. *A Short History of Thomism.*

Chapter 6 – “Mid-Twentieth Century,” pp. 116-146.

Mettepenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Theologie – New Theology: Inheritor of Modernism, Precursor of Vatican II.*

10.4 Marie-Dominique Chenu and the “Signs of the Times” – June 03, 2015
Chenu, Marie-Dominique. *Aquinas and His Role in Theology.*


Chenu, Marie-Dominique. *Faith and Theology.*

Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians.*

Mettenpenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Theologie – New Theology: Inheritor of Modernism, Precursor of Vatican II.*
Chapter 1.2 – “Chenu,” pp. 47-57.

10.5 Yves Congar and His Fundamental Theology – June 03, 2015
Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians.*

Mettenpenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Théologie – New Theology: Inheritor of Modernism, Precursor of Vatican II.*
Chapter 1.1 – “Congar,” pp. 41-46.

Nichols, Aidan. *Yves Congar.*
Chapter 1 – Chapter 3, pp. 1-51

10.6 Yves Congar and His Ecclesiology, Ecumenism and Pneumatology – June 10, 2015
Congar, Yves. *Fifty Years of Catholic Theology: Conversations with Yves Congar.*

Congar, Yves. *I Believe in the Holy Spirit.*

Nichols, Aidan. *Yves Congar.*
Chapter 4 – Chapter 11, pp. 52-203.

10.7 Edward Schillebeeckx and Sacramental Theology – June 10, 2015
Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians.*

Kennedy, Philip. *Schillebeeckx.*
Chapter 1 – Chapter 8, pp. 1-140.

Mettenpenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Théologie – New Theology: Inheritor of Modernism, Precursor of Vatican II.*

10.8 Henri de Lubac and Historical Theology – June 16, 2016
de Lubac, Henri. *At the Service of the Church: Henri de Lubac Reflects on the Circumstances That Occasioned His Writings.*

Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians.*

Mettenpenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Théologie – New Theology: Inheritor of Modernism, Precursor of Vatican II.*


**June 18, 2015 – Midterm Exam (written)**


Dych, William. *Karl Rahner*.
Chapter 1 – Chapter 100, pp. 1-162.

Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians*.
Chapter 6 – “Karl Rahner,” pp. 87-104.


10.10 Joseph Ratzinger and His Theology of Revelation – June 24, 2015
Kerr, Fergus. *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians*.


**July 01, 2015 – Final Exam (oral)**