1. **Catalogue Description.** Christian understanding of sexuality, marriage and the family. Topics include the following: the sacramentality of marriage; marriage as a vocation; the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage; the rite of marriage including pastoral and cultural issues; issues of sexuality.

2. **Topical Outline**

   2.1. *Introductory Issues.* Contract, covenant, grace, sexuality as gift, sacramentality of the body, consent of the will, clandestine marriages, faith and sacrament, sacramental bond.


   2.3. *Patristic Issues.* Marriage as a family affair; problems from Gnosticism, Stoics, Montanism; Early Marriages in the East; Theology of the Eastern Fathers; Western Issues; Ambrosiaster, Jerome, Ambrose, Augustine, Leo; Development of nuptial blessing and nuptial mass.

   2.4. *Medieval Issues.* Early canons on separation but no remarriage, clandestine marriages, German multi-step weddings, Hugh of St. Victor and Mary’s virginity; the two schools of Paris and Bologna (Lombard and Gratian, consent and consummation); Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas; Dun Scotus.

   2.5. *Trent and the Counter-reformation.* Melchor Cano (role of blessing and priest); Trent; Robert Bellarmine; Catechism of Trent; Tridentine marriage rite; Separation of contract from sacrament; Enlightenment; Eastern Remarriage; Petrine Privilege.

   2.6. *Preparation for the Second Vatican Council.* Mathias Joseph Scheeben; 1917 Code of Canon Law; Casti connubii; Pius XII; Schillebeeckx; Rahner; Gaudium et spes.

   2.7. *Developments since the Council.* Humanae Vitae; Familiaris consortio; 1983 Code of Canon Law; 1970 Rite of Marriage; 1991 revision; German bishops and internal forum; Divorce and remarriage; Vade Mecum; contraception; Reconciliation and Eucharist; Synod on the Family.

   2.8. *Special Topics.* Artificial Reproduction; Homosexuality; Masturbation; Contraception/NFP/Sterilization; Premarital Sex; Genetic Counseling; Pornography; Role of Women; Rape/Incest/Family Violence.

3. **Required Readings** will be found on Blackboard

4. **Format of Presentation**

   Lectures, discussion of assigned readings and participation in assigned projects

5. **Required Workload**

   5.1 Attendance/preparation for class according to the policies and practices indicated in the University of St. Thomas catalog

   5.2 Participation in class discussions of required readings

   5.3 Mid-term exam

   5.4 Reflection paper

   5.5 Final Exam
6. Course Grading

6.1 Mid-term Exam 30%
6.2 Reflection paper 30%
6.3 Final Exam 30%
6.4 Class participation 10%

7. Calendar

Classes meet on Monday and Wednesday from 1:15 to 2:30 P.M. during the Fall 2015 semester.

Selected Bibliography


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Paul VI. Humanae Vitae, 1968.


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Some Reflection Paper Topics

Marriage and Sexual Love in our times

The Sacramentality of the Body

Ecumenical Issues for American Catholics marrying non-Catholics

Remarriage in the Orthodox Church

The use of the Internal Forum for Remarriage

The Pauline Privilege

Free Consent in our culture

What does consummation mean in our culture?

Marriage and Faith

Divorce in Matthew and Mark

Ephesians 5

Covenant and Contract

Marriage as basic sacrament

Marriage as Redemptive

Marriage as vocation

Marriage as an ecclesia domestica

The historical issue of clandestine marriages