UNIVERSITY OF ST THOMAS  FALL 2015
PHIL 4327 A Philosophy of Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II)
Dr John Hittinger
TUES THURS 2:10-3:25
Clare Hall, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Course description: This course will study the thought of Karol Wojtyla, (Pope Saint John Paul II). The course will consider his poetic, dramatic, philosophical and theological works as they pertain to these themes: the dignity of the person, love and marriage, work and society, politics and human rights, the existence of God and humanism.

Texts:
John Paul II, selections from his writings (found on Blackboard) [BB]

Course Requirements
1. Participation 20%. Regular attendance and participation through questions, comments, and presentations as requested.
2. Journal 20%. Keep a notebook with reflections on the readings. At least 25 entries (about 2 per week)
4. Paper 20%. 8-10 pages on an important theme in the thought of Wojtyla/John Paul II.
5. Final Exam 20%. Short answer and essay. On the mature treatment of key themes in Saint John Paul II.

Class 2, October 29. Poetry and drama. [BP: 47-53] [CM: 10, 64] Roman Tryptich (loan). Letter to Artists (handout); Passage from The Jeweler’s Shop (Handout); “Shores of Silence” and commentary by Mitchell Thomas, JP2 Blog (Handout)


Class 5, November 19. Pope; Mercy and Mary. [CM: 120-139; 142-146; 189-197; 201-224] On Saints Faustina and Maximilian Kolbe (Handout) [CM: 63-98; 101-120]