University of St. Thomas School of Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary

Course No.: CG 5305/YMA 9379
Title: Catholic Morality/Principles & Issues in Roman Catholic Moral Theology
Semester: Spring 2016
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Catalog Description

Basic questions of Christian morality. Historical development of specific questions within the Roman Catholic tradition. Exploration of concepts within moral theology with an emphasis on the human person as a moral agent.

Topical Outline

- Historical Development
- Necessity for Renewal
- Conscience
- Role of the Magisterium of the Church
- Human Person as a Basis for Ethical Decisions
- Sin
- Special Questions

Required Textbook

Pope John Paul II. Veritatis Splendor.
Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae.
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “Declaration on Euthanasia”

Format of Presentation

Lectures, small group discussion of cases, and discussion of assigned readings

Required Workload

- Attendance/preparation for class according to the policies and practices indicated in the University of St. Thomas catalog
- Reflection/Research Paper
- Midterm examination
- Final examination
- Reflection papers, participation in group discussions, and homework assignments
Reflection Paper (MAPS)/ Research Paper (MAT)

Students pursuing the MAPS degree will develop a two session RCIA presentation on the Church’s teaching on moral theology. Present a detailed outline of each one hour session, the resources you are using, and practical resources for your parishioners. Include at least 4 specific questions you would expect from the audience and how you would answer these questions.

Students in the Masters of Arts (Theological Studies) program are required to write a research paper on some specific topic in moral theology (12 to 15 pages). Topics must be approved by the instructor no later than February 10, 2016. Papers should include footnotes (or end notes) and a bibliography from an approved and consistent citation system.

Reflection/Research papers are due April 20, 2016. You have plenty of time to complete this assignment therefore late papers will be reduced one letter grade for each day late.

Course Grading

- Paper 20%
- Midterm examination 40%
- Final examination 40%

Examinations

The mid-term examination will be written. The final examination will be an oral exam. Both exams are cumulative.

Incompletes

Incompletes will not be awarded in the class except for the most serious circumstances.

Calendar

Classes meet from 9 a.m. until noon during the Spring 2016 semester as follows:

Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16 (Midterm Exam), 23 (No Class, Spring Break), 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4

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