COURSE PROFILE

Course No: FC 6360 (MAFC PROGRAM IN ROME)
Course Title: Ecumenical & Interreligious Movements from a Catholic Perspective (CPU)
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Semester: Summer 2016

CLASS SCHEDULE AND DATES:

June 11, 2016 – (9:00 a.m. – Noon) Introduction Session to Course Content
• Required reading prior to class: Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism

June 23, 2016 – Summary paper due for Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism (email to cfc@stthom.edu by noon)

June 25, 2016 – Depart Houston for Rome

June 26 – July 15, 2016 – Centro Pro Unione (CPU) – Rome
• June 26, 2016 - (5:00 p.m.) @ CPU - Orientation
• June 27 - July 1, 2016 - (8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) @ CPU – Instructional Sessions
  o June 29, 2016 – Evening Group Discussion (Time & Location TBD)*
• July 4 – July 8, 2016 - (8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) @ CPU – Instructional Sessions
  o July 6, 2016 – Evening Group Discussion (Time & Location TBD)*
• July 11 – 15, 2016 - (8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) @ CPU – Instructional Sessions
  o July 13, 2016 – Evening Group Discussion (Time & Location TBD)*
• Participation at all CPU on-site excursions scheduled by CPU

July 16, 2016 – Depart Rome for Houston

July 30, 2016 – Synthesis Paper Due (email to cfc@stthom.edu by noon)

August, 2016 – Post CPU-Rome Session (Date, Time & Location TBD)

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION (Centro Pro Unione)

This course is designed to introduce participants to the ecumenical and interreligious movements from a Catholic perspective. It will offer a historical and theological overview of the issues that divide Christians as well as the bonds that unite them. The program will explore relations with other religious traditions.

The course, which is in English, is for men and women who are in preparation for ministry or religious life, who are in the mission field, who are ecumenical officers or members of ecumenical commissions, or who are looking for a sabbatical experience led by qualified professors and ecumenists.
The faculty includes, but is not limited to, staff members of the Centro Pro Unione (Rome) and the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute (New York).

The Director of the Centro Pro Unione is the Rev. Fr. James Puglisi, SA, Ph.D. (Université de Paris IV Sorbonne), S.T.D. (Institut Catholique de Paris), D.D. (GTF). Fr. Puglisi is Professor of Ecumenical Theology, Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum, Rome) and Francis Joseph Cardinal Spellman Professor of Catholic Theology at the Graduate Theological Foundation (USA).

2. TOPICAL OUTLINE

- **Week I: Reformation both Protestant & Catholic: A Close Assessment of Their Reality**
  - Biblical foundations
  - factions and divisions within the Church
  - an overview of the Reformation and Catholic Reform movements, the modern ecumenical movement
  - Vatican II and the principles of Catholic ecumenism
  - World Council of Churches
  - worldwide ecumenical and interreligious organizations
  - Eastern Christianity
  - On June 29, Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, participation in the Papal Mass of the Pallium

- **Week II: From Division to Dialogue**
  - Exploration of the various dialogues which exist between the churches, their context and results
  - ecumenical documents
  - reading of ecumenical texts
  - concept of reception in the ecumenical movement
  - visit to the Pontifical Councils for Promoting Christian Unity and for Interreligious Dialogue

- **Week III: Christians & World Faith Traditions**
  - Jewish-Christian relations
  - Christian responses to people of other faiths
  - fundamentalism as a worldwide phenomenon
  - Catholicism and Islam in dialogue
  - new religious movements
  - grassroots ecumenism

3. TEXTS

3.1 Required Texts

- All texts assigned by the Centro Pro Unione (Addendum A to this syllabus) are required reading for this course.
3.2 Supplemental Texts


4. PEDAGOGICAL METHOD

4.1 Lecture and group discussion

4.2 On-site excursions

5. REQUIREMENTS (*Obligatory*)

5.1 **Attendance**: Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled sessions, both at UST and Rome

5.2 **Class Participation**: Preparation for and active participation in class discussions

5.3 **On-Site Excursions Participation**

5.3 **Written Assignments**:

- Daily journal entries summarizing class session and on-site excursion experience. Include thoughts and questions you may have from the daily instructions, discussions, and/or visits.

- A 3-5-page summary paper of the essential points of the PCPCU document, *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms of Ecumenism*. (*Due: June 23, 2016*)

- A 15-page synthesis paper which summarizes what was learned from the instructional content and on-site visits of the three-week course of study at the Centro Pro Unione. The paper must include references and resources from the required readings and the Centro Pro Unione library; include with the synthesis paper a bibliography of these. (*Due: July 30, 2016*)

5.4 THE WRITTEN WORD: GET IT RIGHT!

This means that you must strive for total accuracy in grammar, spelling, punctuation, standard usage, sentence construction, paragraph formation, and documenting sources. Writing is, among other considerations, a test of our self-respect and respect for our readers. It is the writer’s obligation to communicate ideas intelligibly and correctly. A careless, inaccurate writer loses the respect of readers and shouldn’t expect to be heard. A reader should not have to struggle through muddled sentences and annoying inaccuracies and errors to find the writer’s “content.” Often I give papers or even individual
6. **GRADING**

Final grade for the course will be determined based on the following:

- Class attendance and quality of participation
- Journal Entries (show evidence of completion at weekly group discussions; random review of these will be requested by Fr. Nesti)
- Assigned 1) summary paper and 2) synthesis paper. Both papers must be grammatically perfect and reflect graduate level competency. They must be in **Times New Roman font #12, double-spaced with one inch margins, a header at the top of each page with your name, course #, and date, and page numbering at bottom of page.**
  - **Summary Paper Due - June 23, 2016**
  - **Synthesis Paper Due – July 30, 2016**
    - Hard copies brought to Center for Faith & Culture or
    - Email to cfc@stthom.edu
  - Any delay in submission of papers without express permission from the professor prior to the due date of the paper, will result in an automatic reduction of one letter grade from the determined grade of the paper.

7. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY** *(University of St. Thomas Policies & Procedures, Student Handbook, Section 3.)*

1. **Definition**
   - Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to:
     - Cheating on an examination or test, for example by copying from another’s paper or by using unauthorized materials before or during the test;
     - **Plagiarism,** which one represents as one’s own the work of another, whether published or not, without acknowledging the precise source;
     - Knowing participation in the academic dishonesty of another student even though one’s own work is not directly affected;
     - Any conduct which reasonable persons in similar circumstances would recognize as dishonest in an academic setting.

2. **Penalty**
   - The penalty for an incident of academic dishonesty is, at the discretion of the professor, either a mark of zero for the work in question or the grade of an “F” for the course.
ADDENDUM A

Selective Reading List for Summer Course
(based on CPU’S 2014 list; subject to change for 2016)
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Official Documents of the Roman Catholic Church:
Vatican II Documents: Dogmatic Constitution of the Church (Lumen Gentium), Decree on Ecumenism
(Unitatis Redintegratio), Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostrae aetate), Declaration on Religious Liberty (Dignitatis humanae), and Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes).

www.vatican.va/edocs/ENG0221/_INDEX.HTM
or downloadable:
www.vatican.va/edocs/ENG0221.HTM#VatDwLn

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The Ecumenical Dimension in the Formation of Those Engaged in Pastoral Work:

Ecumenism, Intra-Christian Issues:

Christian-Jewish Relations and Interreligious Dialogues:

SUGGESTED READINGS.
*NB bibliographies will be supplied for each class.

Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry: