**Theology of the Body**
Theo 4348 A
Fall 2016

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<th><strong>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</strong></th>
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<td>Introduction to the writings of John Paul II on the sacramental nature of creation and the human body, male and female. Marriage as a sacrament of the Communion of Persons in the Trinity. The ethics of human sexuality as integral to the responsible relationship between persons and the theology of the total, reciprocal gift of persons.</td>
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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:** students prepare readings in advance of class discussions.

2. William May, “Contraception and Catholicism”, Christendom Publications Common Faith Tract #5, 1983. (BlackBoard)
5. Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care, USCCB, November 14, 2006. (BlackBoard)
6. Handouts provided on Blackboard.

**STUDENT ACADEMIC OUTCOMES:** after successfully completing the course the student should be able to

1. Have a comprehensive understanding of Pope John Paul II’s theology of the body.
2. Discern the foundations for a theology of the body in the theology of the Trinity and the theology of the Incarnation.
4. Explain the radical difference between the Catholic understanding of and secular culture’s approach to the body, sexuality, marriage, and procreation.
5. Understand the roles of sin and grace in a theology of the body.
7. Know the Church’s teaching on homosexual relationships.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND DUE DATES:**

| **1. Weekly quizzes on Tuesday** | (20%) |
| **2. Paper** | (10%) |
| **3. Midterm exam** | (30%) |
| **4. Attendance/Participation** | (10%) |
| **5. Final Exam:** | (30%) |

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POLICIES: Out of consideration for everyone in the class and to maximize learning in proportion to tuition paid, the following procedures will be followed:

1. I would prefer that NO ELECTRONIC devices be used in class – including computers. Please see me if you have special needs.
2. Regular class attendance is expected; 2 points will be deducted from your grade for each unexcused absence.
3. Since arriving late for class disrupts the learning process for all, one point will be deducted from final grade for each late arrival. If you are late, enter quietly and explain after class to possibly remove deduction.
4. Eating and drinking is not allowed during class time per University policy.
5. Test will cover lecture notes, and all assigned readings.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF TOPICS WITH ASSIGNED READINGS:

August 23  Syllabus; Introduction to Theology of the Body; 36-44, 94-113; TOB 218-223; 131-146; Assignment *Humanae Vitae* on BB
The World at the Time of the Council; Introduction to *Humanae Vitae*
Assignment: 131-146; 218-223

August 30  The Beginning; Assignment: TOB 146-169
Solitude, Unity, Spousal Meaning; Assignment: pp.169-191

September 6  Original Nakedness; Assignment: 191-218
Original Innocence & The Gift; Assignment: 225-255

September 13  The Human Heart that Christ Appeals To; Assignment: 255-282
Loss of the Freedom of the Gift; Assignment: TOB 282-314

September 20  Concupiscence Assignment: TOB 314-348
Eros, Purity and Redemption; Assignment: TOB 379-411
Midterm Study Guide

September 27  The Resurrection of the Body; Assignment: TOB 412-462
Continence for the Kingdom; Virginity Explored; Assignment: Midterm Study Guide
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<td>FALL BREAK Assignment: TOB 465-491</td>
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<td>Covenant &amp; Grace; Assignment; TOB 491-515</td>
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<td>Sacrament and Mystery; Assignment; TOB 515-547</td>
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<td>October 25</td>
<td>Redemption of the Body; Assignment: TOB 547-616</td>
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<td>The Language of the Body and the Liturgy; Assignment: TOB 617-639</td>
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<td>The Conjugal Spirituality; Assignment: Selections from Love &amp; Responsibility on BB Ethical Problem; Assignment; 639-663 &amp; NFP on BB</td>
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<td>November 8</td>
<td><strong>Love &amp; Responsibility;</strong></td>
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<td>NFP: A Model; Assignment: <em>Donum Vitae</em></td>
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<td><em>Donum Vitae</em> Assignment: Pre-marital Sex Readings on BB</td>
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Paper: Chicago Style Format – 6-10 pages on your choice of a cultural moral dilemma that Theology of the Body helps one to understand more fully. A description of the dilemma (the culture’s view) and the Church’s stance as described by the Course materials and related materials. Topic must be approved by Professor and is due November 15.

Bibliography:

Cloud, H. and Dr. J. Townsend, Boundaries in Dating, Zondervan.
Finn, Thomas and Donna, Intimate Bedfellows: Love, Sex and the Catholic Church, Pauline Media, Boston.
Irish Bishops’ Pastoral, Love is for Life, 1985.
Nicolosi, J., Reparative Therapy and the Male Homosexual, Jason Aronson.
Von Hildebrand, Dietrich, Marriage, the Mystery of Faithful Love, c. 1984.
West, Christopher, Good News About Sex and Marriage, Charis, Cincinnati, 2000.

Church Documents:
John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, 1981.

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