Course Syllabus: Pauline Letters · CU 2204
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Course Description:
This course will introduce and explore the New Testament letters written by and attributed to St. Paul the Apostle. As a way to begin to understand the writings of St. Paul, we will seek to cover the following goals:

1. Familiarize oneself with the time period and cultural implications of Paul’s writings;
2. Be able to identify and begin to better understand the Trinitarian, Christological and Gospel themes and images evoked in these writings;
3. Recognize the Judaic teachings and traditions and the basic Greco-Roman influences in Paul’s writings;
4. Be able to explain and preach on the most important and common Pauline Scriptural passages used in daily liturgy and the celebration of the sacraments closely associated with the diaconal ministries.

Required Texts:
The Catholic Study Bible: The New American Bible, Oxford University Press, editors D. Senior & J. Collins (Any edition)

Grading/Course Requirements:
The following grading scale for this class:
There will be only 8 classes this semester, and your grade will be made up of a written in-class midterm and a final exam consisting of short answers and essay questions.

**Students with Disabilities:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with the professor during the first two weeks of class. All discussions will remain confidential. Students with disabilities will need to also contact Counseling and Disability Services in the Crooker Center. This office can be reached at (713) 525-6953 or 3162.

**Format of Presentation**
This class will combine lecture with class discussion. Students should come to class prepared to discuss the required readings for the day. I expect the engaged student to take notes and ask questions on the material presented in class.

**Policy on Plagiarism:** Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and any student caught plagiarizing another’s work or cheating will risk being given a failing grade for the class. Please refer to the University of St. Thomas’ ethic of authorship policy and ask the professor if you have any questions.
August 17, 2016: Introduction to St. Paul; Begin discussion of Ephesians
For next class read:
NAB: Letter to the Ephesians
Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: Ephesians

August 24, 2016: Continue Ephesians; Introduction to 1 Corinthians
For next class read:
NAB: 1 Corinthians
Finish reading Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: Ephesians

August 31, 2016: Continue 1 Corinthians
For next class read:
NAB: Begin reading Letter to the Philippians
Begin reading: Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: First Corinthians

September 7, 2016: Discuss Philippians
For next class read:
NAB: Finish reading Letter to the Philippians
Finish reading: Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: First Corinthians

September 14, 2016: Midterm Exam; Introduction to Colossians
For next class read:
NAB: Letter to the Colossians
Begin reading: Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: Philippians

September 21, 2016: Continue Colossians; Introduction to Romans
For next class read: Begin reading Romans
Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: Colossians

September 28, 2016: Continue discussing Romans; Introduction to Galatians
For next class read: Complete reading Romans; Read Letter to the Galatians

October 5, 2016: Continue Galatians, briefly discuss Philemon / Final Exam