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Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST) is the School of Theology of Seton Hall University and the major seminary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. ICSST admits both seminarians studying for the Catholic priesthood and lay students.

Founded in 1860 at Seton Hall, Immaculate Conception Seminary remained part of the University until 1927, when it moved to separate facilities in Darlington, near Mahwah, NJ. In 1984, Immaculate Conception Seminary re-affiliated with the University.

Mission Statement

Immaculate Conception Seminary is a House of Formation for the Roman Catholic priesthood and the School of Theology of Seton Hall University.

As a House of Formation, the Seminary offers men preparing for the priesthood the personal, academic, ministerial and spiritual formation essential for their conversion to Jesus Christ and for their commitment to a life of service to the Church.

As a School of Theology, the Seminary provides: a theological and philosophical foundation for men and women pursuing undergraduate

and graduate studies; a theological foundation and a pastoral and spiritual formation for men and women preparing for ministries among the people of God; a theological foundation for men and women desiring to pursue doctoral studies; and varied opportunities for continuing theological education. Approved by the Board of Overseers – March 23, 2017.

Accreditation

ICSST is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Degree Programs

For the past 163 years, the Seminary has dedicated itself to providing an educational and formational program of the highest caliber for men preparing to serve God's People through the priesthood. Since 1974, the Seminary also has prepared lay men and women to fulfill their Christian vocations, rooted in the new life received in the Sacrament of Baptism, and to dedicate themselves to their specific roles in the mission of the Church.

ICSST offers three graduate degree programs: the Master of Arts in Theology, the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and the Master of Divinity.

ICSST offers one undergraduate degree program: the Bachelor of Arts in Catholic Theology.

Certificate Programs

In addition to degree programs, ICSST offers certificate programs in Catholic Evangelization and Christian Spirituality.

Center for Diaconal Formation

Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A., Director

Part of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University, the Center for Diaconal Formation was founded in 2010 to provide graduate-level formation, in person or online, in English or Spanish, for permanent diaconate candidates. The program is consistent with the intellectual norms established in the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* (Second Edition, 2021). A student matriculated into the Center's graduate-level program (12 courses; 36 credits) upon successful completion receives a Master's Degree in Theology with a Systematic concentration and/or a Certificate in Diaconal Studies. Course curriculum is delivered in English or Spanish at the main campus in South Orange and at three off-campus locations: St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ; St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ; and the Chancery of the Diocese of Trenton, 701 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ. For remote sending dioceses, course curriculum is delivered online. In addition to graduate-level courses, the Center for Diaconal Formation offers workshops, lectures and presentations for permanent diaconate candidates and their wives, covering a wide variety of topics that address the spiritual, pastoral and human dimensions of diaconal formation, as well as post-ordination diaconal formation and continuing education needs.

For more information about the Center for Diaconal Formation, visit www.shu.edu/diaconal-formation or contact Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08, Director, at (973) 313-6335.

Summer Session

ICSST offers courses throughout the summer both for students already matriculated in a program and for nonmatriculated and visiting students. For more information on Summer classes, contact the Coordinator of Student and Administration Support Services at (973) 761-9633.

Visiting Scholars

ICSST regularly invites visiting scholars from other institutions as a way of providing students with exposure to distinguished faculty and thinkers in the field of theology. Past scholars have included Eamon Carroll, O.Carm. (Loyola, Chicago); Norris Clarke, S.J. (Fordham, New York); Marcel Dumais, O.M.I. (St. Paul's University, Ottawa); Eduardo Echeverria, Ph.D. (Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit); Balthasar Fischer (Trier); Albert Fuchs (Katholisch- Theologische Hochschule, Linz); Bruno Hidber, C.Ss.R. (Alphonsian Academy); Robert Imbelli (Boston College); John M. McDermott, S.J. (Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit); Edward T. Oakes, S.J. (Regis, Denver); Mary O'Driscoll, O.P. (Angelicum, Rome); Alberic Stacpoole, O.S.B. (Ampleforth Abbey, Yorkshire); D. Vincent Twomey, S.V.D. (Maynooth); Walter Vogels (University of St. Paul, Ottawa); Edward J. Yarnold, S.J. (Oxford University); and Zygmunt Zielinski (Catholic University of Lublin).

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Fund for Ecclesiastical History

The Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Fund for Ecclesiastical History was established by the former Archbishop of Newark (1974-86) to promote study, research and scholarship in Church history broadly considered. It carries out its mandate in four major ways:

- **Gerety Lectures:** ICSST sponsors lectures by distinguished guest speakers on subjects in the field of Church history. Past lecturers have included Christopher Bellitto; J. Ian Boyd, C.S.B.; Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke; Stephen Carter; Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J.; Virgilio Elizondo; John Tracy Ellis; James Fisher; Gerald Fogarty; Robert P. George; Philip Gleason; Scott W. Hahn; Jan Michael Joncas; Mary Kenny; Simon C. Kim; John O'Malley, S.J.; Mark Francis O'Malley; Jaroslav Pelikan; Peter C. Phan; Dermot A. Quinn; Albert Raboteau; Margaret Reher; Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli; Thomas Shelley; D. Vincent Twomey, S.V.D.; and Robert J. Wister.
- **Gerety Seminarian Award:** An annual prize of \$300 is given to the Catholic seminarian enrolled at ICSST who completes the best project in Church history in a given year.
- **Gerety Book Award:** A biennial subvention of \$2,000 is provided for the publication of a book, a substantial portion of which deals with the history of the Roman Catholic community in New Jersey. It is expected that the book will reflect the use of the archives of the Archdiocese of Newark and/or other deposits in the archives of Seton Hall University under care of the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission.
- **Gerety Research Award:** A \$300 prize is given for the best monograph produced as a result of research in the archives of the Archdiocese of Newark and/or other deposits in the archives of Seton Hall University under care of the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission.

Admission

The Seminary School of Theology requires the following:

- a baccalaureate degree, preferably in the humanities, from an accredited college or university (particular distribution requirements are listed under each degree program);
- original transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate academic coursework from all colleges, seminaries and universities. Student transcripts or photocopies are not acceptable;
- all credentials in languages other than English must be accompanied by certified English translations;
- evaluation of foreign academic credentials: international applicants must have all transcripts from institutions not accredited in the United States or Canada evaluated by an organization that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES.org (<http://NACES.org>)). All evaluations must be course-by-course evaluations, as confirmation of course level and degree equivalency. Applications submitted without credential evaluations cannot be considered for admission or transfer credit evaluation. Students are responsible for all costs associated with credential evaluations. International students are subject to a one-time University fee of \$400. This fee is assessed in the first semester of attendance;
- two letters of recommendation attesting to the student's academic potential and personal qualifications to pursue advanced theological studies;
- completed application forms; and
- results of the TOEFL Test or IELTS (for students born or raised in non-English-speaking countries).

Additional requirements or exceptions for particular degree programs are included in the descriptions of those programs.

- Academic Program for Priesthood Candidates (M.Div.) (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/academic-program-priesthood-candidates/>)
- Center for Diaconal Formation (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/center-diaconal-formation/>)
- Certificate Program in Catholic Evangelization (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/catholic-evangelization-certificate-program/>)
- Certificate Program in Christian Spirituality (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/christian-spirituality-certificate-program/>)
- Master of Divinity (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/master-divinity/>)
- Pastoral Ministry, M.A.P.M. (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/pastoral-ministry-ma/>)
- Pre-Theology Program (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/pre-theology-program/>)
- Theology, M.A. (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/graduate/immaculate-conception-seminary-school-theology/theology-ma/>)

BIBL 6004 New Testament Greek I (2 Credits)

An introductory course in New Testament Greek grammar with intensive exercises intended to develop facility in reading simple passages from the Gospels.

BIBL 6006 N.T. Greek I (3 Credits)

Introduction to New Testament Greek vocabulary and grammar, focusing on noun declensions and elementary verb tenses. Reading, translation and analysis of short passages from the New Testament.

BIBL 6007 N.T. Greek II (3 Credits)

Further study of New Testament Greek vocabulary and grammar, focusing on more advanced verb tenses and moods. Reading, translation and analysis of passages from the New Testament.

Prerequisites: BIBL 3106 with a minimum grade of D or BIBL 6006 with a minimum grade of D

BIBL 6113 Biblical Hebrew I (3 Credits)

An introduction to the most basic elements of Hebrew grammar with accent on the noun and the qal stem of the verb, Hebrew thought patterns and sentence structure, plus instruction in use of a Hebrew lexicon. A study of grammar accompanied by selected readings from Genesis.

BIBL 6114 Biblical Hebrew II (3 Credits)

A continuation of BIBL 6113

Prerequisites: BIBL 6113 with a minimum grade of D

BIBL 6117 Bible - Christian Morality (3 Credits)

This course takes up the issue of difficult moral questions and the way in which the Bible provides resources for resolving these questions in a Christian manner. The course is divided into two parts: Part 1 deals with difficult moral questions provided by biblical narratives themselves and reviews ways in which Christians have addressed them. These questions include the "dark passages of scripture," such as laws commanding genocide in the book of Joshua, and Old Testament legislation on polygamy, slavery, adultery and homosexuality. Part 2 deals with the biblical principles of New Testament Christian ethics and how they apply to difficult contemporary moral problems in beginning, middle and end-of-life issues, sexual morality, capital punishment, pacifism and war.

BIBL 6122 Biblical Archeology (3 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to biblical archaeology. The course (1) introduces students to the history of archaeology in the Holy Land, (2) reviews the nature, goals, and methods used by archaeologists in excavating and studying the material and religious cultures of the Bible, and (3) explores ways in which archaeological data can be placed in dialogue with the study of Scripture. (Cross-referenced to HSTD 6122)

BIBL 6124 ST- Psalms through Dante (3 Credits)**BIBL 6191 Independnet Study (3 Credits)****BIBL 6201 Pentateuch (3 Credits)**

Introduction to critical theories useful to Pentateuchal research; historical and geographical context of the Pentateuch; literary genres; development of Pentateuchal books and their underlying theologies; and exegesis of selected passages.

BIBL 6203 Prophetic Literature (3 Credits)

A study of the authority, role and key concepts of the Hebrew prophets in the context of their own times and the possible paradigms for the present; an in-depth study of significant passages in the classical prophets; exegesis of selected texts.

BIBL 6205 Wisdom Literature-Psalms (3 Credits)

An examination of the notion of wisdom in the ancient Near East; genre of wisdom literature; close examination of selected sapiential books; study of various types of Psalms, their significance in Israel and their importance to the Church today; and exegesis of selected passages.

BIBL 6210 Biblical Call Narratives (3 Credits)

Exploration of how divine calls bestow dramatic meaning and personhood upon the lives of various figures in the Bible and those who hear and receive their message. Such figures include Adam and Eve, Cain, Abraham, Jonah, St. Paul and the Church-Bride of the Apocalypse. Clarification of the nature of human objections to the divine call and the way in which they are divinely resolved. Exploration of how biblical narrative can enrich a theology and philosophy of vocation and personhood and strengthen the capacity to live and work in

BIBL 6211 Old Testament Themes (3 Credits)**BIBL 6219 Bibl Theo of Benedict XVI (3 Credits)****BIBL 6230 Historical Books (3 Credits)**

This course explores the books of the former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings) the Chronicler's History and the remaining books classified as historical in the Septuagint (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Judith, Tobit and 1, 2 Maccabees).

BIBL 6231 Suffering and the Book of Job (3 Credits)

Many Old Testament texts explore the meaning of human suffering, but the most sustained reflection on this subject is the Book of Job. The book focuses on how Job, a man renowned for his righteousness, is forced to prove by his suffering that this righteousness is authentic. In doing so, it prompts its readers to explore their own assumptions about suffering and righteousness and leads them to perceive how the meaning of human suffering is linked to religious freedom and love. The book will be of interest to all who wish to understand the poetic and spiritual power of the Old Testament and its pastoral applications to life's deepest problems.

BIBL 6291 ST/Biblical Interpre/ Early Ch (3 Credits)**BIBL 6397 ST:Scriptural Srcs Sophiology (3 Credits)****BIBL 6398 The Dark Passage of the Bible (3 Credits)**

This course explores violence-ridden and morally challenging passages of the Bible, including those that apparently sanction capital punishment, child-sacrifice, extermination of noncombatants in warfare, polygamy, slavery, lying and making the Cross a gateway to eternal life. The course seeks to familiarize students with these passages and illuminate Jewish and Christian ways of explaining their meaning and function in the canon. (Web-based).

BIBL 6399 Scripture and Forgiveness (3 Credits)

The course explores the themes of forgiveness in the Old and New Testaments, with a view to supplying the student with Scriptural resources for thinking about and developing a theology of forgiveness. Rabbinic, Patristic and Catholic scholastic interpretations of biblical passages are explored to compare and contrast Jewish and Christian, Catholic and Protestant approaches to understanding forgiveness. The Scriptural passages explored include: 1) The themes of divine mitigation of punishment in the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and the atonement rituals; 2) Forgiveness motifs in the Psalms and the Wisdom books; 3) Forgiveness motifs in the Prophets, e.g. in the Book of Jonah; 4-6) Forgiveness in the Synoptic Gospels, e.g. the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' Parables, Jesus' Practice of Forgiveness in his life and Passion; 7) Forgiveness in the Epistles of Paul and James in the context of their theologies of justification by faith and works.

BIBL 6410 Catholic Epistles-Hebrews (3 Credits)

This course presents the Epistle to the Hebrews together with the seven Epistles, known as the seven Catholic or General Epistles: James, 1-2 Peter, 1-2-3 John and Jude. These works present a witness to Jesus of those who had seen him in his earthly career, namely two members of his family (James and Jude) and two of the most important of the Twelve (Peter and John). While discussing various scholarly debates about the Epistles, the course emphasizes basic themes and structure. (Cross-referenced to STHO 5631).

BIBL 6435 ST: Salvation Hist:BIBL/THEO (3 Credits)**BIBL 6481 The Historical Jesus (3 Credits)**

«Who do people say that I am?» (Mk 8,27). This question of Jesus has intrigued all who have come into contact with him since his ministry in Galilee. For much of Christian history, the faithful were content to live with the answer volunteered by Simon Peter. However, with the 18th century advent of the use of historical critical methods in biblical studies, academics in the West began to formulate a new understanding of who Jesus was, who the first Christians believed him to be, and how that belief developed over time. After a brief review of these investigations, we will explore the criteria used by exegetes for exploring historicity in Gospel narratives. The bulk of the course will then examine significant events in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth to see how/if the «Jesus of History» is reconciled with the «Christ of Faith».

BIBL 6501 Synoptic Gospels (3 Credits)

An historical and critical approach to the study of the gospels, its limits and benefits and its acceptability to the Church. The “synoptic problem” and the consequences of its resolution for study of the gospels. Diverse forms within the gospels and the characteristics of each gospel.

BIBL 6503 Johannine Literature (3 Credits)

Consideration of the general characteristics, literary relationships, possible sources, overall structure and recurrent themes in John’s Gospel; numerous passages exegeted. Overview of the Johannine epistles and their historical context.

BIBL 6505 Pauline Literature (3 Credits)

Treatment of Paul’s life and background; introduction to each of Paul’s letters with attention to the historical situation and major interpretive concerns associated with each; theological development as evidenced from letter to letter; exegesis of selected passages.

BIBL 6506 Introduction to Pauline and Johannine Literature (3 Credits)

This course aims to introduce the student to an appreciation of various historical, literary and theological aspects of the Fourth Gospel and of Paul’s Letters, especially those to the Galatians and Romans. Special attention is paid to the way in which these writings reflect, interpret and develop the early Christian kerygma (proclamation) and thereby contribute to the Christian interpretation of Jesus, person and mission (Christology and Soteriology) and the means by which faith in him as the Christ and Son of God communicates abundant life (the Sacraments and Ecclesiology).

BIBL 6507 Luke - Acts (3 Credits)

This course takes a detailed look at Luke’s Gospel and its sequel the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke’s Gospel is the longest of the four canonical Gospels and includes many unique details absent from the others, including some of the most moving and famous of Jesus’ parables like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. It also includes a unique infancy narrative which has shaped Christian celebrations of Christmas. The Acts of the Apostles is St. Luke’s account of the early Church. In this course, students will read carefully through these texts historically and from the heart of the Church.

BIBL 6516 Hebrews and Catholic Letters (3 Credits)

Letters to Hebrews and Cath Letters An in-depth study of the Letter to the Hebrews with emphasis on the priesthood of Christ. Examination of the biblical roots of the Christian priesthood: the royal priesthood of all Christians and the ministerial priesthood. Overview of the Catholic Letters: James, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude. Exegesis of selected passages and survey of main theological themes.

BIBL 6529 Spirituality-Old Testament (3 Credits)

The Old Testament insight into the progressive revelation of Divine Presence and Fidelity. A study of the creation stories; the Exodus event; the sagas; Divine forgiveness and faithfulness; the call to holiness and its particular and universal aspects.

BIBL 6535 Scrip - Meaning Lord's Prayer (3 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to explore the depth, wisdom and power of the Lord’s Prayer by exploring its scriptural contexts and sources. Versions of the Prayer in all the Gospels and in the writings of Paul are studied to highlight the Trinitarian dimension of the Prayer and the way in which it maps out the Christian spiritual journey and enables Christ’s disciples to escape from various cycles of violence that impede their quest for God’s Kingdom.

BIBL 6562 ST - Images of Chaos in OT (3 Credits)**BIBL 6570 Mary in Sacred Scripture (3 Credits)**

A study of Scriptural texts and themes related to the Blessed Virgin Mary: Old Testament texts/institutions that prefigure Mary; New Testament texts that refer to Mary. Exegesis of select Lucan and Johannine texts using both modern and traditional methods of interpretation. Scriptural foundations of Marian dogmas/doctrines, liturgical feasts and devotional practices

BIBL 6571 The Parables of Jesus (3 Credits)

From the Prodigal Son to the Good Samaritan to the Good Shepherd, there are few things as familiar to us as these disarmingly simple yet penetrating narratives that Jesus used to articulate and proclaim the Kingdom of God during his ministry. They were fashioned by him both to awaken insight and to provoke response in his listeners. This course provides a close study of selected parables of Jesus from the Synoptic Gospels. Particular attention is paid to the cultural, biblical and literary contexts of the parables examined, so that students might approach “hearing” the parables as did their first audiences, both grasping their profound insights and responding to their call to conversion. Through doing so, students will come to appreciate the parables as indispensable sources of theology by and about Jesus, and as fonts for authentic Christian spirituality in our own day.

BIBL 6577 Mariology (3 Credits)

Planned lectures include: “Encountering the Mother of God in the New Testament,” “Encountering the Mother of God in the Church Fathers,” “Encountering the Mother of God in Medieval Spirituality,” “Encountering the Mother of God in the Renaissance & Baroque,” “Encountering the Mother of the God in 19th century Spirituality” and “Encountering the Mother of God Today.” (Cross-referenced to HSTD 6577, PTHO 6577 and STHO 6577)

BIBL 6724 Jewish Roots-Christian Spirit (3 Credits)

Survey of the Jewish roots of Christian spirituality, with special attention to prayer (personal and communal) and liturgy (particularly the Eucharist). Theological roots of Jewish spirituality; Psalms; Catholic-Jewish dialogue today.

BIBL 6793 ST:Grace & Romans (3 Credits)**BIBL 6802 Scriptural Models Holocaust (3 Credits)**

BIBL 6803 Biblical Prayer & Spirituality (3 Credits)

The theme of prayer is intrinsic to biblical narrative. The course contains four units, which explore, respectively: 1) The role of prayer in the Old Testament and the perennial relevance of Old Testament prayers, especially the Psalms, to Christian prayer; 2) Jewish and Rabbinic prayer forms and their relevance to the understanding of Christian New Testament prayers, especially the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and the liturgy of the Eucharist; 3) The Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary themselves; and 4) The role that Scripture plays in the prayers of great Christian thinkers, writers, missionaries and saints.

BIBL 6999 ST - One Bible, Two Testaments (3 Credits)

The Second Vatican Council exhorts one to study the "unity of all Scripture" (Dei Verbum n.12). This course proposes to address the process by which Catholics should interpret the Bible. It will combine a discussion of hermeneutical approaches with a study of key passages. The student can expect to develop the skills necessary to understand major biblical themes originating in the first covenant with respect to both their historical circumstances and their later interpretation in the New Testament.

CETH 6105 Fundamental Moral Theology (3 Credits)

This course examines the central characteristics of Roman Catholic moral theology in the post-Vatican II era: specifically, how the discipline currently appropriates Scripture, tradition, the magisterium, human experience and reason, the universal desire for happiness, and the realities of sin and grace, to express the dynamics of the Christian moral life conceived as a dialogic response to the gracious initiatives of God and ultimately, as an act of worship that finds its source and summit in the Eucharist sacrifice (Catechism 2031).

CETH 6112 Moral Evil - Moral Absolutes (3 Credits)

Perhaps no ethical topic is more hotly debated today than moral absolutes: whether there are some actions that are always and everywhere morally wrong. From abortion to artificial contraception, from torture to the death penalty, these issues are of pressing concern for marriages, families, associations, government and international relations. This course seeks to review the Catholic response to this question through encountering the Christian tradition. After a short investigation on the nature of moral evil in Thomas Aquinas, this reading seminar will begin its historical overview of the Christian tradition with Sacred Scripture and culminate with Blessed John Paul II's Encyclical Veritatis Splendor. All of this as we seek to get a clearer grasp on the Church's teaching on moral evil and moral absolutes. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6112)

CETH 6121 Christ, Morality and Sacraments (3 Credits)

Focusing on the question of the meaning and reason for suffering in redemption, a study of Aquinas' text of Christ's Passion. An examination of how Divine Providence acts through the Son's human actions of suffering to bring about his exaltation and a new relationship to God, the world and us. Concluding commentary on how Christ, as instrument of the Godhead and in His own person, influences our human acts of suffering, through the sacraments, to bring similar results.

CETH 6126 Ethics of Virtue (3 Credits)

This course examines moral strengths as lived through the four cardinal virtues- both how these virtues can be obtained and how they are related to the Christian life through the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity), the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Beatitudes. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6126)

CETH 6130 Major Themes in Christ Ethics (3 Credits)

A team-taught survey of Christian ethics, including fundamental moral theology and Catholic teaching in sexual morality, healthcare and social justice. Not applicable to M. Div. or M.A. with Christian ethics concentration.

CETH 6134 Four Loves and Family Life (3 Credits)

This course begins with Benedict XVI's *Deus Caritas Est* and concludes with C. S. Lewis' *The Four Loves* and John Paul II's *Love and Responsibility*. Illuminating these works by engaging with the key philosophical and biblical texts that they cite, the course proceeds to illuminate the nature of love through the writings of Anglican, Protestant and Catholic novelists and theologians. The purpose of the course is to help people understand the spiritual nature of love in its manifold forms and so, gracefully to inflame and sustain their aptitude for courtship, family affection, friendship and charity. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6134)

CETH 6138 The Aesthetic God Beauty Film (3 Credits)

Few realities captivate us culturally, emotionally, and aesthetically, as the medium of film. In the complex multimedia culture we live in, film moves us in a way which no other media seems capable of doing. Moreover, films have a rich capacity to explore ideas and raise questions in something more than merely an intellectual manner. In this course, we will seek to capture film capturing us as we study three aspects of this draw: First, we will explore the medium of film itself and why it is so powerful. Second, we will examine the human emotional life to which film is intimately connected and on which it operates. Finally, we will explore some theological themes, issues, and questions – ranging from anthropology to morals to eschatology – which are raised in contemporary film."

CETH 6201 Fundamental Moral Theology II (3 Credits)

This course continues to explore the fundamental concepts of the Catholic moral theology by focusing its attention on the development of good moral character. The students will gain systematic knowledge in the area of virtue ethics, which encourages the pursuit of particular virtues, understood as primary means of spiritual and moral growth. Special attention will be given to the operation of four cardinal virtues, theological virtues, and their supports. Through an investigation of the life of virtue centered on Jesus Christ, this course will assist the students in discovering the profound meaning of the Lord's call to missionary discipleship. (3 credits; prerequisite: Fundamental Moral Theology I).

CETH 6205 Health Care Ethics (3 Credits)

To develop skills in using Catholic Church teaching and Natural Law argumentation, an examination of the concepts of health, the human person, personal and social responsibility, confidentiality, reproductive technologies, abortion, medical research, experimentation, transplants, psychotherapy, addiction, suicide, euthanasia and care of the disabled, those with AIDS and the dying.

CETH 6207 Contemporary Issues - Medical Ethics (3 Credits)**CETH 6217 Beginning of Life Issues (3 Credits)**

This course treats contemporary issues regarding the beginning of human life including cloning, embryonic stem cell research, reproductive technologies including in vitro fertilization, abortion, ectopic pregnancies, early induction and the ethical treatment of rape victims. This course seeks to apply the teaching of the Church and sound ethical reasoning to the issues raised by recent reproductive and prenatal technologies so that students will be able to advise effectively the people to whom they minister in making virtuous medical decisions. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6217)

CETH 6252 Theology of the Body (3 Credits)

See PTHO 6224.

CETH 6254 Theo and Spir of Marr and Fam (3 Credits)

Marriage and family life is a great gift of God's creation. Through the Sacrament of Marriage, spousal and familial love is taken up into the infinite love of Christ and the Church. In the communion of love open to God's gift of life, all married couples and their children are called to holiness. Through readings based on the works of St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Hugh of St. Victor and Pope John Paul II, this course explores the ways in which God's sanctifying presence is manifest in and through Christian spousal love that is open to life and placed at the service of the human community. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6254 and STHO 6254)

CETH 6259 Secularism and Catholicism (3 Credits)

This course investigates the historical causes, nature, and value of secularism as a cultural, and socio-political phenomenon affecting Catholic religious experience in what was once called Latin Christendom. The course is not only interested in secularism as such, but also in various contemporary Catholic responses towards it. Throughout the investigation will be viewed through the theological lens of Christian faith as revealed in Jesus Christ and authoritatively interpreted through the teaching authority of the Church.

CETH 6266 The Spirituality of Disability (3 Credits)

This course focuses on people who have sacrificed or suffered the loss of normal and vital bodily organs and physiological faculties but who nonetheless, or on account of that loss, have gained or developed wondrous faculties of perception and insight that have brought immeasurable wealth to humanity. A partial aim of the course is to explore how such cases can serve to challenge the pressures upon medics to abandon the Hippocratic oath "to do no harm" to the disabled. Thus, by exploring such accounts and the philosophical, ethical and pastoral issues surrounding them, the course seeks to train and sustain pastoral ministers and medical and legal professionals interested in sustaining our culture's adherence to the Hippocratic oath to nurture and protect human life. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6266)

CETH 6306 Catholic Sexual Teaching (3 Credits)

An historical and systematic study of Church teaching using the Scriptures, guest lectures, case studies and film to develop a cognitive and affective appreciation of the Catholic view of human sexuality. The course considers chastity, friendship, spousal love, procreation, natural family planning, extramarital sex, masturbation, homosexuality and birth control.

CETH 6398 The Dark Passages of the Bible (3 Credits)

This course explores violence-ridden and morally challenging passages of the Bible, including those which apparently sanction capital punishment, child-sacrifice, extermination of non-combatants in warfare, polygamy, slavery, lying, and making the Cross a gateway to eternal life. The course seeks to familiarize students with these passages and illuminate Jewish and Christian ways of explaining their meaning and function in the canon.

CETH 6399 Scripture and Forgiveness (3 Credits)

The course explores the themes of forgiveness in the Old and New Testaments with a view to supplying the student with scriptural resources for thinking about and developing a theology of forgiveness. Rabbinic, Patristic and Catholic scholastic interpretations of biblical passages will be explored to compare and contrast Jewish and Christian, Catholic and Protestant approaches to understanding forgiveness. The scriptural passages to be explored will include: 1) The themes of divine mitigation of punishment in the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and the forgiveness motif in the stories of Jacob and Esau and Joseph and his Brothers; 2) Levitical atonement rituals; 3) Forgiveness motifs in the Psalms and the Wisdom books; 4) Forgiveness motifs in the Prophets, e.g. in the Book of Jonah; 5-7) Forgiveness in the Synoptic Gospels, e.g. the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' Parables, Jesus' Practice of Forgiveness in his life and passion; 8) Forgiveness in the Epistles of Paul and James in the context of their theologies of justification by faith and works.

CETH 6401 Canon Law for Deacons (3 Credits)

A survey of Canon Law with an emphasis on topics central for diaconal ministry. Topics include: general norms, rights and obligations of the Christian faithful, especially the clergy, Sacraments (other than Matrimony), particularly Christian Initiation, Christian Burial, Temporal Goods and Sanctions.

CETH 6405 Canon Law - Christian Marriage (3 Credits)**CETH 6407 Catholic Social Teaching (3 Credits)**

An exploration of the theological warrants for Catholic social justice ministry, its scriptural foundations and its major principles as articulated in papal and episcopal documents. The application of these principles to family, to work, to economic systems and to political orders. An examination of the various ways that local churches and parishes can be effective instruments in bringing about God's reign of peace and justice.

CETH 6422 Christian Decision-Making (3 Credits)

This course investigates what it means to make a decision as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Bringing forth both old and new, the course does this in two ways. First, it looks to the Catholic scholarly tradition on the various aspects and elements of a prudential Christian decision. Second, it examines the Catholic spiritual tradition of discernment – its rules, exercises, and daily practices – so that both one's own life and those of others the student will encounter is daily opened more and more to Christ's call. (3 credits)

CETH 6491 ST Ethics in Higher Education (3 Credits)**CETH 6509 Christian Marriage (3 Credits)**

The Biblical, historical, systematic and liturgical development of Christian marriage from Biblical origins, Patristic thought, medieval synthesis, Reformation issues and Tridentine responses, to its contemporary theology. Issues related to the theology of marriage, e.g., sacramentality of marriage, divorce and remarriage, faith and marriage, and the pastoral care of Christian marriage.

CETH 6577 ST - Mary in the Moral Life (3 Credits)**CETH 6588 Christianity Human Happiness (3 Credits)****CETH 6603 Justice and Charity Ministry (3 Credits)****CETH 6655 Contemp Pastoral-Ethical Iss (3 Credits)****CETH 6699 ST:Understanding Humanae Vitae (3 Credits)**

CETH 6940 Sp Top: Ethics of John Paul II (3 Credits)

The course introduces the students to the person and moral teaching of one of the most influential popes of the 20th century. It explains the basic anthropological assumptions behind John Paul II's ethical thought, and studies selected moral issues pertinent to the modern-day climate. Throughout the course, the students will review the main works of the Holy Father, including earlier writings from before his papacy. They will also take notice of the many ways, in which John Paul II's teaching contributed to the shaping and advancement of moral theology in the Church. Upon completion of the course, the students will possess systematic, albeit introductory, knowledge of the Holy Father's moral teaching.

CETH 6950 SpTp - Theology of the Cross (3 Credits)

Why has the complaint against God for innocent suffering arisen only in recent times? What are its philosophical presuppositions? Lectures will examine various theological and philosophical positions that give rise to the complaint or offer answers. Then the Catholic answer will be proposed; thereby the coherence of all Catholicism's central dogmas will be explained and justified. The Church's theology will be shown to offer the only possible coherent solution to the problem. For the Church lives from Jesus Christ crucified and risen, Eucharistically present in her midst.

HSTD 6128 ST Theology-Hist Rene Girard (3 Credits)**HSTD 6202 History of Christianity II (3 Credits)**

The development of Christianity from the Reformation to the present day. The course utilizes primary source materials and audio visual presentations.

HSTD 6222 Popes and the Papacy (3 Credits)

The institution of the papacy and individual holders of the papal office; a survey of major periods in the development of Catholicism from the perspective of the papacy; special attention given to the last century and an investigation/analysis of the papal office. 3 credits.

HSTD 6246 Documents of Vatican II (3 Credits)**HSTD 6268 History of Vatican II (3 Credits)****HSTD 6272 Gnosis - Political Theol III (3 Credits)****HSTD 6310 History of Spirituality (3 Credits)**

A survey of the history of Christian spirituality: Biblical origins; Patristic period; Desert Fathers; Benedict; Augustine; Benedictine Reforms; Franciscan and Dominican renewals; medieval spirituality; Rhineland Mystics; Ignatius; Francis de Sales; Sulpician influences; 20th-century movements; Vatican II; and contemporary situations (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6726)

HSTD 6334 Catholic Evangelization (3 Credits)**HSTD 6340 From Church Fathers to 1500 (3 Credits)**

The early centuries of the Church are surveyed using the Fathers of the Church as the primary lens of inquiry. While the Eastern Churches are examined, the focus shifts to the Church of Western Europe from Charlemagne through the Gregorian Reform, the building of the great cathedrals, and the appearance of the friars. Finally, the changing ecclesiastical culture of the Renaissance is addressed.

HSTD 6341 Church of Reformations-Mission (3 Credits)

This course presents an exposition and analysis of the various reform movements – organizational, monastic, theological, spiritual – within the Catholic Church beginning in the fifteenth century and culminating with the Council of Trent and its aftermath. The reform movements – Wycliffe, Hus, Zwingli, Luther, Calvin, Anabaptist, Radical – that gave birth to Protestantism and independent churches are presented and analyzed as well. After a brief exposition of earlier missionary activities, the evangelization of the Americas during the period of the European conquest and later evangelization of Asia and Africa during the colonial period are subjects of equal attention, with a focus on the methods of evangelization and analysis of their successes and failures. The Church of today is shown to be a result of these movements and evangelizing activities.

HSTD 6416 Confessions of St. Augustine (3 Credits)

Examines St. Augustine's masterpiece, Confessions, in detail to see how Augustine seamlessly fuses Scripture, theology, rhetoric, personal history and spiritual growth into a comprehensive whole. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6772 and STHO 6416).

HSTD 6422 Augustine's Spirituality (3 Credits)

Augustine's spirituality aspires to participate in the life of the Trinity through deliberate, affective and sacramental love made possible by the grace of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. It was realized by one's individual relationship with God, conduct in the larger society, and communal life in the Church. Using key works, including the Confessions, The Trinity and The City of God, the course will trace the outlines of this profoundly Christian spiritual vision.

HSTD 6426 Priesthood in the Fathers (3 Credits)

At the heart of the Christian religion is the relationship between the believer and the Triune God as revealed and encountered through Jesus Christ. This relationship, revelation, and encounter contain a communal, ecclesial dimension that takes specific shape through the lived discipleship of one's individual vocation. From the beginning, early Christians reflected on and understood the vocation of Priesthood in this light. The distinct ways in which the Church Fathers developed and articulated this vision of Priesthood offer compelling and relevant insights into contemporary priestly ministry. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6426 and STHO 6426)

HSTD 6430 Worshipping w Church Fathers (3 Credits)

HSTD 6430 Worshipping with the Fathers of the Church Examines the earliest records and descriptions of Christian worship alongside the spiritual and theological understandings the first Christians brought to their worship and how these factors contributed to forming the liturgical sensibilities, structures and cycles familiar to Christians today. Special attention is given to the writings of Church Fathers of the first 500 years.

HSTD 6435 ST: Salvation Hist:BIBL/THEO (3 Credits)**HSTD 6516 Hebrews and Catholic Letters (3 Credits)****HSTD 6577 Mariology (3 Credits)**

See BIBL 6577.

HSTD 6585 Creation and Science (3 Credits)**HSTD 6710 Women Mystics (3 Credits)**

An exploration of the phenomenon and meaning of mysticism. A study of the lives, times, and spirituality of such women mystics as Theresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, Catherine of Siena, Faustina, Elizabeth of the Trinity and Julian of Norwich. An analysis of their major writings, including autobiographies, letters, and poetry. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6710)

HSTD 6790 Ind St- 5 Key Spiritual Figure (3 Credits)

HSTD 6807 American Christianity (3 Credits)

The development of Christianity in the Americas from the beginnings of evangelization to the present, focusing on the Catholic Church in the United States; the impact of the English Reformation as setting the stage for the major cultural forces influencing the present-day United States; growth of the Church in the English colonies and its subsequent expansion, particularly due to 19th and 20th century immigration; Catholic education and the evolution of pastoral ministry; issues facing Catholicism in its contemporary encounter with cultural forces in America today.

HSTD 6809 History of Christianity (3 Credits)

An overview of the development of Christianity from its origins to the present: the evolution of Christianity from a movement within Judaism to a world religion; Church polity, belief and spirituality in succeeding periods; current challenges facing contemporary Christianity. Issues such as Church-State relations, the Reformation and the influence of the Enlightenment on the Church are major themes.

HSTD 6813 The Reformation (3 Credits)**HSTD 6817 Counter-Reformation (3 Credits)****HSTD 6833 ST: Sacraments Early Church (3 Credits)****HSTD 6834 Catholics in New Jersey (3 Credits)****HSTD 6839 Art-Architect Churches Newark (3 Credits)**

This course investigates the principles of historical and contemporary ecclesiastical architecture and applies them to churches of the archdiocese of Newark. It includes tours of exemplary churches and the ateliers of prominent architects and designers. The students will achieve knowledge and skills to interpret and evaluate the design of churches they encounter.

PTHO 6000 Pastoral Field Ed I (3 Credits)

The pastoral field education program serves to offer students experience in ministry which integrates the other aspects of the individual's formation in a way that prepares the student for ministry in the Church. Seminarians and lay students engage in appropriate ministerial experiences, and share in a process of individual and group theological reflection. 3 credits

PTHO 6002 Pastoral Field Ed II (3 Credits)

The pastoral field education program serves to offer students experience in ministry which integrates the other aspects of the individual's formation in a way that prepares the student for ministry in the Church. Seminarians and lay students engage in appropriate ministerial experiences, and share in a process of individual and group theological reflection. 3 credits

PTHO 6004 Pastoral Field Ed III (3 Credits)

The pastoral field education program serves to offer students experience in ministry which integrates the other aspects of the individual's formation in a way that prepares the student for ministry in the Church. Seminarians and lay students engage in appropriate ministerial experiences, and share in a process of individual and group theological reflection. 3 credits

PTHO 6006 Pastoral Field Ed IV (3 Credits)

The pastoral field education program serves to offer students experience in ministry which integrates the other aspects of the individual's formation in a way that prepares the student for ministry in the Church. Seminarians and lay students engage in appropriate ministerial experiences, and share in a process of individual and group theological reflection. 3 credits

PTHO 6008 Pastoral Spanish II (2 Credits)

A continuation of PTHO 6007. Prerequisite: PTHO 6007
Prerequisites: PTHO 6007 (may be taken concurrently)

PTHO 6013 Curricular Prctcl Trn Int I (0 Credits)

This fulltime pastoral experience internship is designed to augment the experience of international students enrolled in the Master of Divinity Program in the American ecclesial & pastoral context. A learning agreement, developed between the seminarian his pastoral supervisor, is approved by his academic advisor at the beginning of the semester. An evaluative report on the experience is submitted by the supervisor at the end of the semester, for which the student will receive either "S" or "U."

PTHO 6014 Curricular Prctcl Trn Int II (0 Credits)

This fulltime pastoral experience internship is designed to augment the experience of international students enrolled in the Master of Divinity Program in the American ecclesial & pastoral context. A learning agreement, developed between the seminarian his pastoral supervisor, is approved by his academic advisor at the beginning of the semester. An evaluative report on the experience is submitted by the supervisor at the end of the semester, for which the student will receive either "S" or "U." This course is an continuation of PTHO 6013.

PTHO 6015 Curricular Prctcl Trn Int III (0 Credits)

This fulltime pastoral experience internship is designed to augment the experience of international students enrolled in the Master of Divinity Program in the American ecclesial & pastoral context. A learning agreement, developed between the seminarian his pastoral supervisor, is approved by his academic advisor at the beginning of the semester. An evaluative report on the experience is submitted by the supervisor at the end of the semester, for which the student will receive either "S" or "U." This course is an continuation of PTHO 6014.

PTHO 6016 Curricular Prctcl Trn Int IV (0 Credits)

This fulltime pastoral experience internship is designed to augment the experience of international students enrolled in the Master of Divinity Program in the American ecclesial & pastoral context. A learning agreement, developed between the seminarian his pastoral supervisor, is approved by his academic advisor at the beginning of the semester. An evaluative report on the experience is submitted by the supervisor at the end of the semester, for which the student will receive either "S" or "U." This course is an continuation of PTHO 6015.

PTHO 6017 Pastoral Spanish I (3 Credits)

Beginning Spanish for non-Spanish speakers, focusing on building communication skills and addressing language situations encountered in pastoral ministry.

PTHO 6018 Pastoral Spanish II (3 Credits)

A continuation of PTHO 6017. Prerequisite: PTHO 6017.

PTHO 6019 Pastoral Spanish III (3 Credits)

An intermediate Spanish course for those with elementary knowledge of Spanish, continuing to build communication skills for use in pastoral ministry settings. Prerequisite: PTHO 6018.

PTHO 6021 Formation Internship I (0 Credits)

This is a non-credit but full-time registration category for students of religious orders and religious movements who are engaged in full-time, novitiate training, mission itinerancy or other full-time pastoral training that is an integral part of their formation program.

PTHO 6022 Formation Internship II (0 Credits)

This is a non-credit but full-time registration category for students of religious orders and religious movements who are engaged in full-time, novitiate training, mission itinerancy or other full-time pastoral training that is an integral part of their formation program.

PTHO 6023 Formation Internship III (0 Credits)

This is a non-credit but full-time registration category for students of religious orders and religious movements who are engaged in full-time, novitiate training, mission itinerancy or other full-time pastoral training that is an integral part of their formation program.

PTHO 6024 Formation Internship IV (0 Credits)

This is a non-credit but full-time registration category for students of religious orders and religious movements who are engaged in full-time, novitiate training, mission itinerancy or other full-time pastoral training that is an integral part of their formation program

PTHO 6025 Formation Internship V (0 Credits)**PTHO 6026 Formation Internship VI (0 Credits)****PTHO 6035 Curricular Prctcl Trn Int V (0 Credits)****PTHO 6036 Curricular Prctcl Trn Int VI (0 Credits)****PTHO 6108 Intro to Preaching for Deacons (3 Credits)**

Introduction to homiletics and engagement in the process of biblical preaching, with attention to its pastoral function. Emphasis on organization, composition and delivery. Evaluation of several homilies as preached to the class.

PTHO 6109 Intro to Preaching (2 Credits)

Introduction to homiletics and engagement in the process of Biblical preaching, with attention to its pastoral function. Emphasis on organization, composition and delivery. Evaluation of several homilies as preached to the class.

PTHO 6112 Preaching Pract I (2 Credits)

A continuation of homiletic instruction where students deliver homilies for various occasions, subject to self, peer and professional criticism.

PTHO 6113 Preaching Pract II (2 Credits)

A continuation of PTHO 6112, with special attention to the practical delivery of homilies. Particularly designed for deacons. Prerequisite: PTHO 6112

Prerequisites: PTHO 6112 (may be taken concurrently)

PTHO 6133 Solitaries, Hermits and Prisnr (3 Credits)

An exploration of the value and power, personal and social, residing in spiritual literature written in solitude and prison. The student is called to wrestle with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's questions about the broad failure of modern Christian middle-class culture to sustain Christians who are imprisoned and bereaved of their loved ones as well as of the possibility of fulfilling their vocational hopes and projects. The readings will stimulate teachers, counselors and ministers wrestling with Bonhoeffer's questions to share their pastoral experiences and provide those who find or may in the future find themselves in analogous situations with memories and knowledge that may prove to be a source of spiritual friendship, consolation and strength.

PTHO 6191 Independent Study (3 Credits)**PTHO 6203 Pastoral Psych. and Counseling (3 Credits)**

This course will provide an introduction to interpersonal skills basic to the helping professions; the nature of counseling; responsibility of the counselor; goals in counseling; resistance and termination. Particular emphasis is placed on competency and self-understanding. The course will be taught through lecture, demonstration and class exercises.

PTHO 6206 Pastoral Sign Language I (3 Credits)**PTHO 6207 Pastoral Sign Language II (3 Credits)****PTHO 6224 Theology of the Body (3 Credits)**

This course examines in depth the Theology of the Body as presented by Pope John Paul II along with evaluative commentary from within the Catholic theological community. It also explores the implications of this theology for sexual ethics, sacramentality of marriage and celibacy. (Cross-referenced to CETH 6252 and STHO 6252)

PTHO 6233 Cap-Christ. Spi rSelf Help Lit (3 Credits)

This course summarizes the spiritually therapeutic lessons of previous coursework by comparing the counsels of great spiritual books studied in the Certificate (scriptures, mystical writings, theological reflections, religious novels, encyclicals) with those of popular self help literature. The aim is to invoke self-help literature to identify the spiritually therapeutic richness of Christian Spiritual Literature and also to provide a Christian reference point for evaluating advice given in popular self-help books, especially in areas where such advice is in tension with of tension with Christian spirituality, morality and revelation.

PTHO 6241 The Gospel and the Family (3 Credits)

See BIBL 6241.

PTHO 6244 Prayer, Discipleship and Comm (3 Credits)

This class looks at the journey of a person's Spiritual Life. The journey involves an initial invitation from God, our response through prayer, our commitment as disciples and our living out this commitment in community. Our experiences of family life, past and present, become landmarks on this journey. The class consists of lectures, class participation, readings and prayer. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6244)

PTHO 6251 Families and the Church (3 Credits)

Analysis of selected texts from the papal and pre-papal periods of Pope John Paul II's thought on the family, in light of his affirmation of the inalienable dignity of each human person. What makes a human being a person? How is our personhood rooted in the primordial subjectivity of the family? What is the role of the family in society, the responsibility of spouses toward each other and toward their children, and the authentic experience of conscience that makes human love and community possible? (Cross-referenced to STHO 6238)

PTHO 6254 Theo and Spir of Marr and Fam (3 Credits)

See CETH 6254.

PTHO 6266 The Spirituality of Disability (3 Credits)

See CETH 6266.

PTHO 6267 Suffering and the Book of Job (3 Credits)**PTHO 6268 Gospel Life Df Most Vulnerable (3 Credits)**

The fullness, beauty and effectiveness of the Church's pro-life teachings faces challenges from contemporary secular society. This course will begin with a close reading of Blessed Pope John Paul II's *Evangelium Vitae* and then systematically apply its teachings across a host of issues: abortion, euthanasia, sexuality, health care distribution, poverty, war, torture, the death penalty, and ecology. The course will focus on strategies for effectively advocating for pro-life positions without reducing Catholic teaching to secular politics.

PTHO 6330 ST: Evangeliz & Multicul Catec (3 Credits)**PTHO 6333 Evangelizing Church (3 Credits)**

A brief examination of the Church's origin and identity in the ministry of Jesus, the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, her missionary self-understanding as expressed in her magisterial teaching, canon law, liturgical and sacramental life and catechesis, and the implications of this understanding for the diocese, parish and individual believer in making intentional disciplines. The contention of recent popes – that evangelizaion is, in fact, the Church's sipreme duty, the reason for her existence and the key to her identity – will be tested and confirmed.

PTHO 6334 Catholic Evangelization (3 Credits)**PTHO 6346 ST Logotherapy & Theolog Anthr (3 Credits)****PTHO 6395 Sacramental Themes-Modern Lit (3 Credits)**

Twentieth-century literary works written by distinguished American and British authors, are considered as works of art in their own right; as comments upon the religious meaning of the human condition; and, above all, as examples of the ways in which sacramental themes are embodied in works of the imagination. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6236)

PTHO 6396 Spirituality of Old Testament (3 Credits)

See BIBL 6529.

PTHO 6400 Selected Topics (3 Credits)**PTHO 6401 General Canon Law (3 Credits)**

Church law and its role in the Church today; history of canon law, particularly the 1983 Code. Consideration of the character of the 1983 Code of Canon Law as well as certain general institutes of law as they appear in Book I and particular canons in Books II and VII with reference to the status of laity and clerics.

PTHO 6405 Canon Law Marriage (3 Credits)

Canonical and pastoral aspects of current Church legislation on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Aspects of the 1983 Code having practical and innovative impacts on the marital state, particularly in the area of tribunal jurisprudence.

PTHO 6409 Sacraments of Init - Canon Law (3 Credits)

'The Sacraments of Initiation and Canon Law' will examine from a canonical-pastoral perspective the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Drawing from the Code of Canon Law, Vatican II, and the teaching of the Church's Magisterium, the course will provide the student with a clear understanding of the sacraments of initiation, an examination of the pastoral issues which may arise, and an appreciation of the important role which Church law plays in the ministry of those engaged in catechesis on the sacraments of initiation.

PTHO 6426 Priesthood in the Fathers (3 Credits)

See HSTD 6426.

PTHO 6500 Evangelization-Sanctification (3 Credits)

"The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God (kerygma-martyria), celebrating the sacraments (leitourgia), and exercising the ministry of charity (diakonia)" (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*). This course explores these three interlocking dimensions of the Church's mission with an emphasis on evangelization and how liturgy and service flow from and support this work of proclaiming the Gospel. Taught with an eye to pastoral application, the course provides students with a theological foundation for their evangelizing ministry in addition to familiarizing them with practical strategies for and the potential challenges of building and sustaining a faith community that is committed to serving God and neighbor through evangelization, worship, and charity.

PTHO 6501 Teaching, Catechist-Apologetic (3 Credits)

This course prepares students to fulfill Jesus' teaching mandate in the 21st century. Students will examine biblical, psychological, and cultural foundations for teaching ministry. Building upon this foundation, students will explore a variety of catechetical and pedagogical approaches, strategies, and resources. Recognizing the need to offer a persuasive defense of Christianity within a sometimes inhospitable cultural context, the course also equips students with the range of apologetic strategies they will need to respond to the diverse challenges brought against Christian faith in the present age.

PTHO 6503 Liturgical Practicum (2 Credits)

Demonstration and practical exercises for priesthood candidates in the ministries of celebrating Eucharist and other sacramental liturgies, including RCIA and baptism of children, marriage, funerals, sacramental ministry to the sick and dying, Benediction and the Liturgy of the Hours in parishes.

PTHO 6504 Liturgical Practicum (3 Credits)**PTHO 6518 Integr - Lit Celeb and Music (2 Credits)**

Principles of Vatican II and subsequent Church teaching on liturgical/musical integration. An overview of the history of liturgical music, emphasizing the proper balance of liturgical, pastoral and musical factors. Other topics: liturgical year; effective selection of music for particular celebrations; copyright issues.

PTHO 6526 Spiritual Themes of St. Luke (3 Credits)**PTHO 6535 Scrip - Meaning Lord's Prayer (3 Credits)**

The purpose of this class is to explore the depth, wisdom and power of the Lord's Prayer by exploring its scriptural contexts and sources. Versions of the Prayer in all the Gospels and in the writings of Paul will be studied to highlight the Trinitarian dimension of the Prayer and the way in which it maps out the Christian spiritual journey and enables Christ's disciples to escape from various cycles of violence that impede their quest for God's Kingdom.

PTHO 6538 ST-Catech in Ecumen & Global (3 Credits)**PTHO 6565 Dante and Lay Vocation (3 Credits)**

In this course, students read all of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, and perhaps sections of his treatises "On Monarchy" and "On the Eloquence of the Vernacular." Dante emphasizes the harmony of nature and grace, the path to God through the goodness of ordinary life and human love. Thus the focus in class discussions and papers is on what Dante reveals about the spirituality of ordinary life in the world, as opposed to the "easier path" - as Dante describes it at the beginning of the *Divine Comedy* - of religious life. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6565)

PTHO 6570 Mary in Sacred Scripture (3 Credits)

A study of scriptural texts and themes related to the Blessed Virgin Mary: Old Testament texts/institutions that prefigure Mary; New Testament texts that refer to Mary. Exegesis of select Lucan and Johannine texts using both modern and traditional methods of interpretation. Scriptural foundations of Marian dogmas/doctrines, liturgical feasts, and devotional practices.

PTHO 6571 The Parables of Jesus (3 Credits)**PTHO 6575 Ministry of the Laity (3 Credits)**

See STHO 6575.

PTHO 6577 Mariology (3 Credits)

See BIBL 6577.

PTHO 6586 Science - Phil - Theology (3 Credits)

PTHO 6588 Christianity Human Happiness (3 Credits)

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*). The promise of happiness echoes resoundingly in the Christian tradition, and yet Catholics are leaving the Church in droves because they feel the Church has not made good on its promise. Informed by contemporary research on happiness, this course will prepare seminarians and lay ministers to help others discover fulfillment and joy greater than the world can offer through Christian teachings and practices. We will do this by exploring how the Church's teachings guide one to true happiness, by experiencing a variety of Christian spiritual practices, and by drawing out implications for ministries like spiritual direction, pastoral care, catechesis, and preaching. This course will also benefit people who want to discover for themselves how practicing Christian faith more intentionally can bring greater joy to one's day-to-day life. (3 credits)

PTHO 6601 Pastoral Ministry - Intro (3 Credits)

An introduction to pastoral theology in its mediating role between theological insight and pastoral practice. This course focuses on the pastoral situation as encountered through Catholic tradition, personal and cultural experience, aspects of pastoral ministry in the contemporary Church and ways of responding both pastorally and prophetically.

PTHO 6603 Justice and Charity Ministry (3 Credits)

This course considers the ways in which the Church today continues to fulfill the Gospel call to care for those in need, and to address issues of social justice. The role of the parish community and its leaders (priests, deacons, and lay ministers) is explored. The collaborative work of clergy and laity is viewed in light of Catholic social teaching.

PTHO 6604 Min of Sanc- Prst, Mln and Con (3 Credits)

Discusses the priest as presider in the worshipping community, together with the roles of other liturgical ministers and the assembly. This course focuses on the nature of the parish as a praying people, and of the family as a domestic Church. Students will learn to integrate liturgical planning, sacramental catechesis and community worship in parish life.

PTHO 6605 Ministry of Teaching (3 Credits)

Examines the ministry of teaching in the New Testament, the early Church and our Church today. Explores the role of culture and community in faith information, the nature of faith and conversion, the contribution of developmental psychology, and the implications for the various teaching ministries (evangelization, catechesis, preaching). Students will acquire practical skills in identifying resources, lesson planning and teaching, and theological reflection on the ministry of teaching.

PTHO 6655 Contemp Pastoral-Ethical Iss (3 Credits)**PTHO 6710 Women Mystics (3 Credits)**

See HSTD 6710.

PTHO 6715 Spiritual Direction (3 Credits)

Human and psychological bases for sound spiritual growth; relation of growth to the direction relationship and the journey toward freedom through awareness and discernment.

PTHO 6716 ST - Spiritual Direction II (3 Credits)**PTHO 6726 History of Spirituality (3 Credits)**

See HSTD 6310.

PTHO 6728 Theology of Spiritual Life (3 Credits)

Theology of the Christian spiritual life: Biblical foundations; Patristic writings; classical sources; contemporary writings; anthropological foundations; progress in the spiritual life and its various stages; and mysticism. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6728)

PTHO 6735 The Priest Today (3 Credits)

A contemporary look at theological and spiritual perspectives on the priesthood, presenting growth and development in priesthood as a profoundly human experience that finds its source and intelligibility only in the living Christ; love, self-esteem and rediscovery of ministry in the priesthood. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6735)

PTHO 6738 Augustine's Spirituality (3 Credits)

Augustine's spirituality aspires to participate in the life of the Trinity through deliberate, affective and sacramental love made possible by the grace of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. It was realized by one's individual relationship with God, conduct in the larger society, and communal life in the Church. Using key works, including the Confessions, The Trinity and The City of God, the course will trace the outlines of this profoundly Christian spiritual vision.

PTHO 6743 Spirituality-St. Francis (3 Credits)

The life and spiritual rule of St. Francis of Assisi; early Franciscanism; development of the Franciscan spirit through Church history, permanent influences of Franciscan spirituality on the Church.

PTHO 6746 Carmelite Spirituality (3 Credits)

Origins of Carmelite spirituality; development of the Carmelite charism; expressions of Carmelite spirituality in Saints John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux; permanent influences on the Church.

PTHO 6760 Christian Monasticism (3 Credits)**PTHO 6768 Spiritual Heritage of the Fr. (3 Credits)**

See HSTD 6709.

PTHO 6772 Confessions of St. Augustine (3 Credits)**PTHO 6802 Theology of Work and Rest (3 Credits)**

This course explores the values given to work, contemplation, art and worship in antiquity and modernity, in Hebraic, Jewish and Christian cultures. On the basis of these explorations, it argues that leisure is the basis of culture and that liturgy is the basis of leisure. On this basis, it seeks to introduce a spectrum of Christian reflections on the prerequisites to a sane Economy. (Cross-referenced to STHO 6802)

PTHO 6803 Biblical Prayer Spirituality (3 Credits)

See BIBL 6803.

PTHO 6810 Spirituality and the Arts (3 Credits)

Discussion of the Christian faith as the source of inspiration for artists, poets, novelists, and musicians across the centuries, and in more recent times also for film-makers. A survey of several classical examples of Christian inspired art so as to see the way faith, hope and love are presented. Themes: Jesus and Christians in the movies, hope and despair in the poetry of Hopkins, peace in the music of Hildegard of Bingen, faith in the short stories of Flannery O'Connor, marriage and the family in the novels of Sigrid Undset, evangelism in the paintings of Caravaggio.

PTHO 6870 Cath Ed-Yest-Today-Tom (3 Credits)

An overview of the history of the ministry of teaching in the Christian tradition and of Catholic schools in the United States. An examination of the multiple tasks of the school in fostering faith development and an exploration of the norms for the school of the future.

PTHO 6931 Spirituality of Leadership (3 Credits)

An exploration of the role of leadership as a part of the spiritual journey. Topics include aspects of spirituality (vocation, charism, community) and of leadership (including both theoretical and practical dimensions). Readings, lectures and participative learning are employed.

PTHO 6939 Parish Administration (3 Credits)

PTHO 9101 Integration Seminar (3 Credits)

Integration of the various theological and pastoral disciplines encountered in the M.A. in Pastoral Ministry program, using "Pastoral Project" or "Case Study" methodologies. Submission and approval/acceptance of the final project complete the M.A.P.M. degree requirements.

PTHO 9103 M Div Seminar II (2 Credits)

Completed upon submission and approval/acceptance of the final M.Div. project. Required of M.Div. candidates. Enrollment of lay ministry candidates with the approval of the instructor.

STHO 6000 ST Hist-Phil Background to Con (3 Credits)**STHO 6020 Research Seminar (0 Credits)**

This course consists of three one-hour meetings in which new students are instructed on effective study habits, on the use of the libraries and their resources, on the manner of conducting theological research and on the strategies and standards for composing research papers. Students are required to take this within the first three semesters of matriculation into a degree program. 0 credits.

STHO 6022 Graduate Research Seminar (2 Credits)

This course will provide a general introduction to the resources (print, electronic, and personnel) of a graduate theological library. Students will receive an extended introduction to the theological resources and methods proper to each of the major sacred sciences. Students will be guided to develop the practice of critical reading and analysis needed for graduate academic study. Students will also be introduced to introductory graduate academic writing.

STHO 6112 Moral Evil - Moral Absolutes (3 Credits)

See CETH 6112.

STHO 6126 Ethics of Virtue (3 Credits)

See CETH 6126.

STHO 6128 ST Theology-Hist Rene Girard (3 Credits)**STHO 6138 Theo Aesthetic God Beauty Film (3 Credits)**

Few realities captivate us culturally, emotionally, and aesthetically, as the medium of film. In the complex multimedia culture we live in, film moves us in a way which no other media seems capable of doing. Moreover, films have a rich capacity to explore ideas and raise questions in something more than merely an intellectual manner. In this course, we will seek to capture film capturing us as we study three aspects of this draw: First, we will explore the medium of film itself and why it is so powerful. Second, we will examine the human emotional life to which film is intimately connected and on which it operates. Finally, we will explore some theological themes, issues, and questions – ranging from anthropology to morals to eschatology – which are raised in contemporary film."

STHO 6192 Independent Study (1 Credit)**STHO 6194 Theo of Permanent Diaconate (3 Credits)**

The permanent diaconate was restored by the second Vatican Council after being dormant in the Catholic Church for hundreds of years. This course will examine its origins, the rise and fall, its restoration, and the post Vatican II era with its emerging challenges and issues. A theology of the permanent diaconate, rooted in the ministry of Jesus Christ and guided by the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States will be developed to assist aspirants, diaconate candidates, and permanent deacons in their ongoing formation and for laity, seminarians and priests who collaborate with them in ministry.

STHO 6202 Revelation and Faith (3 Credits)

An historical and systematic examination of the Catholic understanding of God's Self-Communication and humanity's correlative response in faith. On revelation: transmission of revelation; natural and supernatural revelation; Reformation and sola Scriptura; Trent and tradition; Newman on doctrinal development; and la nouvelle theologie and Vatican II. On faith: grace and faith; faith and scholasticism; Luther and sola fides; Trent on fides fiducialis; Vatican I and rational preparation for the act of faith; Blondel and the apologetics of immanence; and contemporary attempts (e.g., Rahner, Tracy, Metz) to ground the act of faith.

STHO 6203 Christology (3 Credits)

The faith response to the Mystery of Jesus Christ, God's gift to us, in Scripture and Church tradition; an attempt to answer the question "Who do you say I am?" [Mt. 16:15] in light of contemporary concerns.

STHO 6204 The Trinity (3 Credits)

A systematic and historical examination of the doctrine of the Triune God: dialectical nature of God as both hidden and revealed, immanent and transcendent; attributes and perfections of God; Patristic and Conciliar debates about the nature of the Trinity; persons, processions, relations and missions within the Godhead; speculation in relation to the "economic" and "immanent" Trinity as well as contemporary retrievals of psychological analogies.

STHO 6205 Christian Anthropology (3 Credits)

Beginning with the Scriptural understanding of human origins, an examination of the human condition from the viewpoint of Christian revelation. The relationship of God with humanity; sin and redemption; the significance of grace, brokenness and healing; and the meaning of death and resurrection. Consideration of particular and general eschatology in developing a theological anthropology.

STHO 6206 Christian Eschatology (3 Credits)**STHO 6207 Ecclesiology (3 Credits)**

The mystery of the Church in its various human incarnations throughout history; the Church's foundation, nature and fundamental structure. Themes: pluralism and the development of ecclesial life; "models" of the Church; the importance of Mary in the life of the Christian community.

STHO 6209 Christology of the Paschal Tri (3 Credits)

An extended examination of the historical development and current expression of the various liturgies of the Paschal Triduum, applying the principle *lex orandi, lex credendi*, to discover the various Christologies expressed in those rites.

STHO 6212 Sources - Scripture-Tradition (3 Credits)**STHO 6219 Bibl. Theo. of Benedict XVI (3 Credits)****STHO 6223 Magisterium (3 Credits)**

A study of the origins, development and role of the teaching office in the Catholic Church; forms of exercise of the magisterium; contemporary theological speculation regarding the magisterium.

STHO 6234 Readings-Sacramental Theol (3 Credits)**STHO 6236 Sacramental Themes-Modern Lit (3 Credits)**

See PTHO 6395.

STHO 6240 Priesthood History-Theology (3 Credits)

See HSTD 6425.

STHO 6244 Prayer, Discipleship and Comm (3 Credits)**STHO 6246 Theology of Vatican II (3 Credits)**

A study of the background against which Pope John XXIII called Vatican Council II, the Council's preparation and its deliberation, as well as some consideration of its implementation.

STHO 6252 Theology of the Body (3 Credits)

See PTHO 6224.

STHO 6253 The Problem of Evil (3 Credits)**STHO 6254 Theo and Spir of Marr and Fam (3 Credits)****STHO 6255 Families and the Church (3 Credits)****STHO 6259 Secularism and Catholicism (3 Credits)**

This course investigates the historical causes, nature, and value of secularism as a cultural, and socio-political phenomenon affecting Catholic religious experience in what was once called Latin Christendom. The course is not only interested in secularism as such, but also in various contemporary Catholic responses towards it. Throughout the investigation will be viewed through the theological lens of Christian faith as revealed in Jesus Christ and authoritatively interpreted through the teaching authority of the Church.

STHO 6267 Spirit Theol Saints-Doctors (3 Credits)**STHO 6272 Gnosis - Political Theol III (3 Credits)****STHO 6299 Tools for Effective Ministry (3 Credits)**

An exploration of key dimensions of effective ministry: the person of the minister, the invitation of the Gospel and the life of the community. The focus will be on central concepts drawn from various disciplines, including our theological and spiritual traditions, which will be applied practically to issues such as working from one's strengths, empowering volunteers, designing change, and analyzing ministerial settings in order to more effectively develop vibrant disciples and communities of faith.

STHO 6301 Pastoral Sign Language I (3 Credits)**STHO 6310 ST Vatican II Meaning & Interp (3 Credits)****STHO 6311 ST Sin/Redem & Eucatastrophe (3 Credits)****STHO 6318 Christocentrism of J Ratz BXVI (3 Credits)**

From his classic Introduction to Christianity to his three volumes on Jesus of Nazareth to his papal encyclicals, Joseph Ratzinger has affirmed the inseparability of theology, spirituality, and liturgy. For each finds its living center in Jesus Christ. The seminar will explore this Christocentric vision in major works of Joseph Ratzinger both before and after his election as Pope Benedict XVI. It will seek to provide a comprehensive introduction to the work of this key figure of post-conciliar Catholic theology and to serve as stimulus for the student's elaboration of a personal theological and Christological synthesis.

STHO 6330 ST: Evangel & Multicult Catech (3 Credits)**STHO 6332 New Evangelization-Catechesis (3 Credits)**

This course presents catechesis as a primary means for serving the Church's overall mission of evangelization with emphasis on the themes of the New Evangelization. Methods and resources for promoting an evangelizing catechesis as well as evangelizing spirituality for catechists will be discussed.

STHO 6333 Evangelizing Church (3 Credits)

A brief examination of the Church's origin and identity in the ministry of Jesus, the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, her missionary self-understanding as expressed in her magisterial teaching, canon law, liturgical and sacramental life and catechesis, and the implications of this understanding for the diocese, parish and individual believer in making intentional disciplines. The contention of recent popes – that evangelizaion is, in fact, the Church's sipreme duty, the reason for her existence and the key to her identity – will be tested and confirmed.

STHO 6334 Catholic Evangelization (3 Credits)**STHO 6346 ST Logotherapy & Theolog Anthr (3 Credits)****STHO 6399 Scripture and Forgiveness (3 Credits)**

The course explores the themes of forgiveness in the Old and New Testaments with a view to supplying the student with scriptural resources for thinking about and developing a theology of forgiveness. Rabbinic, Patristic and Catholic scholastic interpretations of biblical passages will be explored to compare and contrast Jewish and Christian, Catholic and Protestant approaches to understanding forgiveness. The scriptural passages to be explored will include: 1) The themes of divine mitigation of punishment in the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and the forgiveness motif in the stories of Jacob and Esau and Joseph and his Brothers; 2) Levitical atonement rituals; 3) Forgiveness motifs in the Psalms and the Wisdom books; 4) Forgiveness motifs in the Prophets, e.g. in the Book of Jonah; 5-7) Forgiveness in the Synoptic Gospels, e.g. the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' Parables, Jesus' Practice of Forgiveness in his life and passion; 8) Forgiveness in the Epistles of Paul and James in the context of their theologies of justification by faith and works.

STHO 6400 Selected Topics (3 Credits)**STHO 6416 Confessions of St. Augustine (3 Credits)**

See HSTD 6416.

STHO 6426 Priesthood in the Fathers (3 Credits)

See HSTD 6426.

STHO 6430 Worshipping with the Fathers (3 Credits)

STHO6430 Worshipping with the Fathers of the Church Examines the earliest records and descriptions of Christian worship alongside the spiritual and theological understandings the first Christians brought to their worship and how these factors contributed to forming the liturgical sensibilities, structures and cycles familiar to Christians today. Special attention is given to the writings of Church Fathers of the first 500 years.

STHO 6435 ST: Salvation Hist:BIBL/THEO (3 Credits)**STHO 6501 Worship of the Church (3 Credits)**

An introduction to the theology of liturgy and the historical development of liturgy in the Catholic Church, focusing on the Roman Rite; an introduction to the history and theological development of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours and the Roman Calendar. (Cross-referenced to HSTD 6501)

STHO 6503 Sacraments of Initiation (3 Credits)

A Biblical, historical, theological and liturgical treatment of the sacraments of Christian initiation: the theologically normative adult initiation with restored catechumenate and its pastoral adaptation to infant baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist of children; anthropological, Christological and ecclesial dimensions of sacramentology as well as questions common to the seven sacraments.

STHO 6504 Sacramental Theology-General (3 Credits)

The Biblical, historical, theological and liturgical development of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, Christian Marriage, reconciliation, anointing of the sick and Holy Orders. Christological and ecclesial dimensions of sacramentology, as well as questions common to the seven sacraments will be explored.

STHO 6505 Eucharist (3 Credits)

A Biblical, historical, systematic, liturgical and pastoral treatment of the Eucharist and the development of the Mass. Questions relating to institution, Real Presence, sacred meal, sacrifice, eschatology and ecumenism are examined.

STHO 6507 Reconciliation-Anointing (3 Credits)

The sacrament of Penance in its systematic, moral, pastoral and liturgical aspects with special attention to the ministry of the priest-confessor. The Sacrament of the Sick in its Biblical roots, historical evolution, systematic theology and contemporary liturgical celebration.

STHO 6509 Christian Marriage (3 Credits)

The Biblical, historical, systematic and liturgical development of Christian marriage from Biblical origins, Patristic thought, medieval synthesis, Reformation issues and Tridentine responses, to its contemporary theology. Issues related to the theology of marriage, e.g., sacramentality of marriage, divorce and remarriage, faith and marriage, and the pastoral care of Christian marriage.

STHO 6515 Feasts and Seasons (3 Credits)

A study of the development of the Christian celebration of time, historically considered and its contemporary expression, regarding the day (Liturgy of the Hours), the week (with the primacy of Sunday) and the year (in the Roman Calendar). Attention given to Marian devotions and the sanctoral cycle, the origins of various feasts and issues related to their proper liturgical celebrations.

STHO 6518 Christ and Culture (3 Credits)**STHO 6531 Hebrews and Catholic Letters (3 Credits)**

Letters to Hebrews and Cath Letters An in-depth study of the Letter to the Hebrews with emphasis on the priesthood of Christ. Examination of the biblical roots of the Christian priesthood: the royal priesthood of all Christians and the ministerial priesthood. Overview of the Catholic Letters: James, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude. Exegesis of selected passages and survey of main theological themes.

STHO 6538 ST-Catech in Ecumen & Global (3 Credits)**STHO 6541 Ind St/Tolkiens Lord of Rings (3 Credits)****STHO 6542 ST:Intro Ecum & Interrelig Dia (3 Credits)****STHO 6550 Theology of Paul and John (3 Credits)**

This course aims to introduce the student to an appreciation of various historical, literary and theological aspects of the Fourth Gospel and of Paul's Letters, especially those to the Galatians and Romans. Special attention is paid to the way in which these writings reflect, interpret and develop the early Christian kerygma (proclamation) and thereby contribute to the Christian interpretation of Jesus, person and mission (Christology and Soteriology) and the means by which faith in him as the Christ and Son of God communicates abundant life (the Sacraments and Ecclesiology).

STHO 6565 Dante and Lay Vocation (3 Credits)

In this course, we will read all of Dante's Divine Comedy, and perhaps sections of his treatises "On Monarchy" and "On the Eloquence of the Vernacular." Dante emphasizes the harmony of nature and grace, the path to God through the goodness of ordinary life and human love. Thus our focus in class discussions and papers will be on what Dante reveals about the spirituality of ordinary life in the world, as opposed to the "easier path" -- as Dante describes it at the beginning of the Divine Comedy -- of religious life.

STHO 6570 Mary in Sacred Scripture (3 Credits)

See BIBL 6570.

STHO 6575 Ministry of the Laity (3 Credits)

New Testament origins of ministry; the history of ministry through the centuries; an exploration of contemporary developments in the ministry of the laity; the teachings of Vatican II which have given rise both to an expansion of ministry in the Church and a focus on ministry in the world; recent developments, both in the teaching of Pope John Paul II and grassroots initiatives. (Cross-referenced to PTHO 6575)

STHO 6577 Mariology (3 Credits)

See BIBL 6577.

STHO 6585 Creation and Science (3 Credits)

This course seeks to deepen a student's understanding of the relationship between the Catholic theology of creation and contemporary empirical science. Topics to be covered include the birth of science; the historical-philosophical environment of this birth; the interventions of recent Popes on the issue; the specificity of the cosmos as shown by current science; the unity of the cosmos and its beauty; the importance of philosophical realism; the doctrine of creation ex nihilo et cum tempore; the theory of the Big Bang; and the theory of evolution. Primary sources will be emphasized..

STHO 6586 Science - Phil - Theology (3 Credits)**STHO 6588 Christianity Human Happiness (3 Credits)**

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel). The promise of happiness echoes resoundingly in the Christian tradition, and yet Catholics are leaving the Church in droves because they feel the Church has not made good on its promise. Informed by contemporary research on happiness, this course prepares seminarians and lay ministers to help others discover fulfillment and joy greater than the world can offer through Christian teachings and practices. This course explores how the Church's teachings guide one to true happiness, by experiencing a variety of Christian spiritual practices, and by drawing out implications for ministries like spiritual direction, pastoral care, catechesis, and preaching. This course will also benefit people who want to discover for themselves how practicing Christian faith more intentionally can bring greater joy to one's day-to-day life.

STHO 6595 ST St Payl - Contmp Readers (3 Credits)**STHO 6649 Pity,Mercy,Forgive Lord Ring (3 Credits)****STHO 6718 Spirituality-Contemp Culture (3 Credits)****STHO 6728 Theology of Spiritual Life (3 Credits)**

Theology of the Christian spiritual life: biblical foundations; Patristic writings; classical sources; contemporary writings; anthropological foundations; progress in the spiritual life and its various stages; and mysticism.

STHO 6735 The Priest Today (3 Credits)

See PTHO 6735.

STHO 6740 Priesthood and Ministry (3 Credits)

This course sets forth the history and theology of the presbyterial office or priestly ministry in the Catholic Church and the relationship of priestly ministry to other ministries in the Church, such as lay ministry; the other two forms of ordained ministry, episcopal and diaconal; and the Petrine ministry.

STHO 6748 ST Fnd Ecumenism - Interrelig (3 Credits)**STHO 6750 ST:Priesthd -Theol Jean Galot (3 Credits)**

STHO 6774 Theology-Practice of Prayer (3 Credits)

This course provides a theology of Christian prayer, beginning in Scripture and then examining the teaching on prayer in Christian history. Various models of Christian prayer, expectations in prayer, difficulties in prayer, discernment in prayer, consolations and extraordinary phenomena in prayer, as well as some schools of prayer, are covered. The place of liturgical prayer and ecclesial prayer are discussed, along with contemporary writing on prayer. This course introduces exercises in prayer: meditation, vocal prayer, centering prayer, and lectio divina.

STHO 6793 ST:Grace & Romans (3 Credits)**STHO 6802 Theology of Work and Rest (3 Credits)**

See PTHO 6802.

STHO 6813 The Reformation (3 Credits)**STHO 6833 ST: Sacraments Early Church (3 Credits)****STHO 6872 Catholic Identity, Ethos-Cultu (3 Credits)**

See PTHO 6872

STHO 6888 Deacons - Christian Worship (3 Credits)

A study of the history and theological development of the liturgy of the Roman Rite, with attention to the Liturgy of the Hours and the Liturgy of Vatican II, especially the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian living. #Course material has the goal of integrating these themes with the life and ministry of a deacon.

STHO 6890 ST Vatican II - Dvlp Doctrine (3 Credits)**STHO 6894 ST: 20th Century Thomism (3 Credits)****STHO 6904 ST/Baptism and Evangelization (3 Credits)****STHO 6950 SpTp - Theology of the Cross (3 Credits)**

Why has the complaint against God for innocent suffering arisen only in recent times? What are its philosophical presuppositions? Lectures will examine various theological and philosophical positions that give rise to the complaint or offer answers. Then the Catholic answer will be proposed; thereby the coherence of all Catholicism's central dogmas will be explained and justified. The Church's theology will be shown to offer the only possible coherent solution to the problem. For the Church lives from Jesus Christ crucified and risen, Eucharistically present in her midst.

STHO 6951 ST - Fall and Sin (3 Credits)**STHO 6999 MA Seminar (3 Credits)**

Capstone course required for all M.A. in Theology general format students, to be taken near the end of course work. Integration of the various theological perspectives gleaned from the student's study of the several concentrations in the degree. Seminar topic to be established by the professor and student.