

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Theology I - 500

This course focuses on understanding some of the central themes of Roman Catholic Christianity; that all persons are made in the image of God; that Faith is a free gift of God to which person's respond; that the roots of Christianity go back to Judaism; that Jesus is truly human and truly divine; that the Church is generated from the Spirit of Jesus; that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; and that our spirituality, the Sacraments, the Tradition and the Liturgical Year interact in the lives of believers.

Theology II - 510

This course serves as an introduction to the Bible as a source of God's revelation to us. The Hebrew Scriptures are presented as a collection of literature which records the story of God's people throughout the ages, and as God's Word which shapes our everyday lives and decisions. This course also introduces the students to the concept of sacraments in the Catholic Church. The importance of signs, symbols, and rituals associated with the seven sacraments are examined, along with the concepts of worship and prayer as a means of enhancing our appreciation of God's sacramental presence in our life.

Theology III - 520

The course focuses on the life, ministry and message of Jesus and the development of the Gospels. Jesus' divinity, his role as servant, and its impact on the world are also used to challenge the students to be followers of Jesus as Lord in the community of the Church. The study of Jesus' teachings and ethical principles are the basis of preparation for the second semester study of morality and social justice. The junior course objective is to educate and prepare the students to proclaim the Good News through their personal and social responses.

Theology IV - 530

This course will explore issues of religion and contemporary society. Theological topics such as death and dying, vocations, Christian marriage, and an academic review of world religions will be the basis of the course.

The Problem of Evil - 545

This course will examine the reality of evil from Biblical times to the modern world. Much emphasis will be given to the reality of evil in light of the Western Christian tradition, thus leading to the development of a theodicy. Students will study the writings of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante, C.S. Lewis, Jeffrey Burton Russell, Joseph Kelly, John Paul II, and other influential theologians, to help come to an understanding of the problem of evil, and how as Christians, we are called to end its influence.

Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics - 550

This course theologically and philosophically analyzes the nature of Christian apologetics and systematically examines the current questions of faith facing the Roman Catholic Church. The course will introduce general philosophical concepts and ethical case studies. The course will rely heavily upon reading primary source materials and will include self-directed research, classroom argumentation and debate, discussion and multimedia presentations, and several major writing assignments.