UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2015
Instructor: Rev. John Laurance, S.J.
Course #: THEO 2210
Section: 103
Course Title: Great Moments in Christian Theology

Description:

This section of 2210 treats the topic, "Great Moments in Christian Theology," in four progressive stages. It studies, (1) the relation between Scripture and Tradition as sources of Christian theology; (2) how doctrinal crises known as "heresies" have served historically to clarify church doctrines through the centuries; (3) how the church's laity have related to the liturgy, and finally (4) how Christian faith is expressed in both the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These topics will be dealt with primarily, though not exclusively, from a Roman Catholic perspective, but always in an ecumenical spirit, attempting to understand different viewpoints within their own frame of reference. Because the course is of a historical nature, its major feature is that it requires extensive reading. There will be quizzes on the readings, classroom interaction, regular written assignments, and three exams including the final.