UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2015
Instructor: Elijah Mueller
Course #: THEO 2400
Section: 701
Course Title: Christian Discipleship

Description:

Discipleship means an active and continual studying of the will of God as we live it out in our own experience and engagement with community, a readiness to learn while we hear Christ's command to "follow me." We will see how our relationship with God and the revelation in Christ is lived morally and sacramentally by meditating on the 10 commandments, other commandments of the Old Testament (and the way Christians re-interpret many allegorically), and the commands of Christ in the Gospels. We will discuss applying the interpretation of the Bible to our lives, meditate on sacramental participation, and engage in reflecting on everyday moral life, both individual choices and the broader requirements of social engagement through works of charity and solidarity with others, especially those who are oppressed or poor. The classwork will consist primarily of readings, many short reflection papers and class discussions, including debate. To get a good grade in this class, one will have to speak and be willing to ask morally and spiritually challenging open-ended questions and work to answer them with the depth of scriptural and traditional resources, as well as personal experience and dialogue with the experiences of others. There will also be outside charitable/ justice and ritual experiences (exact ones left to the choice of the student) that the student must visit/ engage in and reflect on.