GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2017
Instructor: Rev. David G. Schultenover, S.J.
Course #: THEO 8434
Course Title: Schleiemacher

Content:
Friedrich D. E. Schleiermacher (1768–1834) is a towering figure of Christian theology. Students of theology today will find their study far richer and more deeply rooted if they have wrestled with Schleiermacher’s thought. This seminar is designed as a close reading of the most important of Schleiermacher’s theological works within the context of Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment European philosophical-theological thought. The course is appropriate for students in systematic as well as in historical theology.

Format:
This seminar is designed as a close reading of the most important theological works of F.D.E. Schleiermacher (1768-1834), with a view to understanding basic concepts and tracing the historical development of Schleiermacher’s thought. Members of the seminar will take turns introducing the assigned reading. A handout containing a summary of the reading and questions for discussion should be distributed.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- For each session, all members of the seminar will read the assigned materials carefully and be prepared to engage in a thorough and informed discussion of the texts. A précis of the reading will be required.
- For each session, one member will take leadership in introducing the assigned reading and posing several questions for discussion. This will count as this member’s précis for that session.
- A research paper on some aspect of Schleiermacher’s theology.

Language Pre-requisites:

- German is especially helpful, but not a requirement.