GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2015
Instructor: Rev. Robert Doran, S.J.
Course #: THEO 8526
Course Title: Fundamental Themes in the Theology of Bernard Lonergan
(Focus theme will be “Grace”)

Content:

The course will trace the history of Lonergan's theology of grace, beginning with his doctoral dissertation on operative grace in Aquinas, proceeding to his 1946 ‘De ente supernaturali’ and his 1947-48 course, both of which treat themes relevant to de Lubac's SURNATUREL, and moving to the 1951-52 course where the four-point hypothesis was first proposed linking the Trinitarian relations to created grace. The hypothesis itself will then be treated in detail, actual grace will be added to the hypothesis, the links to Christology and Trinitarian theology will be indicated, and the course will end with discussions of Lonergan's suggestions and those of others (including the professor) regarding the transpositions needed to articulate a contemporary theology of grace. The scale of values will be proposed as the key to developing a social doctrine of grace.

Format:

Reading, seminar, some lecture by professor. Each student will be expected to take responsibility for the discussion of one of the themes.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Conducting one seminar. Writing one major paper.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Latin would be helpful, but it is not required.