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ST405A, Roman Catholic Theology
2 hrs. (A break will be given
between 1:55 and 2:05p.m.)
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ROMAN CATHOLIC AND EASTERN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY SYLLABUS

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

"A description and comparison of the two branches of Catholicism, Roman and Eastern (Greek) Orthodox, using their distinctive emphases as a basis for comparison with Protestant theologies."

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Knowledge: To encourage the student **to become knowledgeable** about Catholicism and the sources that are available for comprehending the churches' distinctive doctrines and histories. The class will focus on the dogmas that are central to the churches' identities as well as doctrines that contrast sharply with Protestantism.

Skill: To encourage the student **to use the information** from the course in their ministry to inform believers about Catholicism, to assist them in evangelizing Catholics, and to minister more effectively to converts out of Catholicism. The focus of the course will not be on "Catholics," many of whom are dedicated (or "devout") and winsome in their personalities. The course will focus on the Catholic systems, the identifying markers of the churches.

III. COURSE TEXTBOOKS

A. Highly Recommended

Class notes

Catechism of the Catholic Church. Rome: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1994. The "imprimi potest" is by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict)

Clark, Katherine. *The Orthodox Church*. Simple Guides. London: Kuperard, 2009. For a summary presentation, the "simple guides" are excellent guides for non-specialists. This book by Clark is insightful and clear.

Louth, Andrew. *Introduction to Eastern Orthodox Theology*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2013.

Ware, Timothy (Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia). *The Orthodox Church*, New ed. London, et. al.: Penguin, 1997. An Oxford scholar, Ware's work is a standard on the subject, a scholarly complement to Clark. The book has an excellent bibliography for further reading on pp. 329-44. *Ex Libris* reviewed the book as "the number one book in the English language on the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith."

B. Suggested

Barth, Karl. *Ad limina apostolorum: An Appraisal of Vatican II*. Trans. Keith Crim. Richmond: John Knox, 1968.

Berkouwer, G. C. *The Conflict with Rome*. Trans. H. De Jongste. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1958.

Boettner, Loraine. *Roman Catholicism*. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1962.

Burns, Robert A. *Roman Catholicism Yesterday and Today*. Chicago: Loyola Univ. 1992. A readable summary of backgrounds, development and key issues facing modern Catholicism with focus on the various movements in a diverse Church.

Carmody, Denise Lardner and John Tully. *Roman Catholicism: An Introduction*. New York: Macmillan, 1990. A readable introduction to American Catholicism, ministry-friendly.

- Ellis, John Tracy. *American Catholicism* Chicago: Univ. of Chicago, 1956.
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- Hudson, Winthrop. *Understanding Roman Catholicism: A Guide to Papal Teaching for Protestants*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1959.
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- Schrotenboer, Paul G. *Roman Catholicism: A Contemporary Evangelical Perspective*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987. One of the better texts for an evangelical critique of Roman Catholicism.
- Swindal, James, and Harry Gensler, eds. *The Sheed and Ward Anthology of Catholic Philosophy*. New York, Toronto, Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2005. A comprehensive survey of Catholic writings that are arranged chronologically.
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IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The student should complete one of the following requirements:

1. A research paper of approximately fifteen (15) on one of the subjects that are listed below OR
2. Two smaller papers of approximately seven (7) pages each on two topics that are listed below, if the student wishes to engage more than one topic OR
3. A creative project of about 5 pages that will synthesize the content of the course.

The acceptable list of topics concern the historical significance of key moments in the respective histories, or distinctive authorities in determining the doctrines and practices of Rome, Orthodoxy, and Protestantism.

1. The distinctive histories of the branches of Christianity.
2. The significance of A.D. 313 (the Edict of Milan), 1054-1204 (the schism between east and west), the 16th century (corruption and Reformation);
3. The significance of the seven Ecumenical Councils and the “filioque clause”;
4. The meaning of the sacraments (or a single sacrament like baptism or the eucharist);
5. The role of Scripture and ecclesial traditions as authorities for beliefs and practices;
6. The role of aesthetics in worship (icons!, liturgy, art, or music);
7. The different views about hierarchies and officers;
8. Differences in doctrine in respective views of God as Trinity, sin, salvation, or eschatology;
9. Differences in respective views on liturgy in worship or in celebrations in the liturgical year;
10. Differences in views on Mary, saints, and merits.

The paper(s) or project are due on Wednesday, December 3. The class on December 10th will be devoted to discussion of the class content and the students’ research.

V. COURSE POLICIES

A. Weight Given to Course Requirements for Grading

The student’s grade will be based on the completeness and carefulness of their thinking. Each assignment will count 1/3 of the final grade

B. Class Participation

Professor will advise.

C. Late Assignments

A letter grade will be deducted from an assignment for each week that it is late without valid excuse. Normally, the student can expect an explanation of the grade, but he/she should feel free to consult the professor with any questions about the requirements and grading of the course.

D. Absences

Professor will advise.

E. Letter/Numerical Grade Scale

A+ 99-100	B+ 91-93	C+ 83-85	D+ 75-77	F 0-69
A 96-98	B 88-90	C 80-82	D 72-74	
A- 94-95	B- 86-87	C- 78-79	D- 70-71	

VI. COURSE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

This course is important for the study of contemporary theology,
because the [Roman] Catholic Church continues to be the largest Christian organization around the world with over a billion members,
because students will have to deal with Romanism regardless of the type or location of their ministry, and
because they will have to understand the unique pressures that a person of Catholic background experiences as they disciple Catholic converts.

Also, Romanism itself has experimented with change between its great confessions, Trent and Vatican II. This means that students must understand what, if anything, has changed in the Church. These calls for change have multiplied with the exposure of sexual deviancy among priests in recent years.

This course is important for systematic theological studies,
because the Roman Catholic Church has had a large role in the development of Christian doctrines as the primary organizational authority of Western Christendom at least from Augustine to Luther, and
because it has maintained commitments that stand in sharp contrast to Protestant distinctives.

Dallas Theological Seminary works to provide reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students with psychological, medical, physical, and learning disabilities. A student desiring or needing accommodations on the basis of such disabilities or of medical incidents such as hospitalization or severe injury is to contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (<https://students.dts.edu/studentlife/disability-services/>). If the student is aware of a condition that may impact his/her studies, the student should contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities prior to the beginning of the semester or at the onset of a crisis.

VII. COURSE SCHEDULE

The course will be structured with Roman Catholicism as the foundation of the subject. The Eastern Orthodox and Protestant perspectives will then be presented with comparison with comparisons and contrasts. Discussion is always welcomed.

- 8/27, Introduction to the course
The syllabus and summary of the course
- 9/3, The Roman Catholic **Identity**
The Orthodox Identity
The Protestant Identity
- 9/10, cont.
- 9/17, Key dates in the **histories**
Romanism from Trent to Vatican II
Orthodoxy from Constantine
- 9/24, The **Authorities** of Catholicism

- Roman *magisterium*, priestly hierarchy, and the infallibility of the Pope
Orthodoxy and the Ecumenical Councils
The importance of tradition in Catholicism
Protestantism, the Word and the priesthood of believers
- 10/1, The Sacraments of Catholicism
10/8, Cont. Sacraments
The Ordinances of Protestantism
10/15, cont.
10/22, The Roman View of **Aesthetics** in Worship
The Orthodox View of Icons and Liturgy in Worship
The Protestant View of Worship
10/29, The Catholic View of **the Trinity and the Human Condition**
The Protestant View of the Human Condition
11/5, The Catholic View of **Salvation and Sanctification**
The Protestant View of Salvation and Sanctification
Do we mean the same thing, when we say “by grace through faith alone”?
11/12, The Roman View of **Mary and Merits**
The Orthodox View of Mary and the Saints
The Protestant Rejection of the Immaculate Conception and Marian Mediation
11/19, READING WEEK
11/26, THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/3, Respective View on **Eschatology**
Paper(s) or project due
12/10 Respectives View on **the Liturgical Year**, class discussion
12/16-20, FINAL EXAM WEEK