

CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY STH-D516-01

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Intensive: October 24-25-26

Description: Systematic theological reflection on the mystery of humanity in light of the mystery of the Trinity, with focus on the Christian symbols of creation in the image of God, original sin, grace and heaven.

Objectives:

1. To explore the contribution of the Christian symbols of creation in the image of God, original sin and grace to contemporary cultural discussions about the meaning and future of humanity and the earth.
2. To develop the ability to reflect on contemporary human experience and history in light of Christian faith.
3. To understand a variety of approaches within the Christian tradition's understanding of humanity and grace.
4. To interpret Christian doctrine in the area of anthropology within a historical context and with an awareness of the necessity of a hermeneutic of dogmatic statements.

Procedures: The procedures to be used include lecture, on-line and classroom discussion

Evaluation: Evaluation will be based on class preparation and active and informed participation (40 points), and *one* of the following:

- a) a research paper of approximately 15-20 pages (60 points)
- b) three papers (5-7 pp. each) reflecting the student's historical and theological understanding of creation, original sin and grace. Papers should include student's synthesis of readings and lectures as well as critical/creative reflection on each of the three major sections of the course (20 points each).

Required

Texts:

Catechism of the Catholic Church (available online)
Karkkainen, Veli-Matti, *One with God* (Unitas, 2004)
Ormerod, Neil. *Creation, Grace and Redemption* (Orbis, 2007)
Sachs, John R. *The Christian Vision of Humanity* (Liturgical Press, 1991)

Recommended

Texts:

Burns, J. Patout. *Theological Anthropology* (Fortress Press, 1981)
Dreyer, Elizabeth. *Manifestations of Grace* (Liturgical Press, 1990)
Hayes, Zachary. *Gift of Being* (Liturgical Press, 2001)
Ratzinger, Joseph. *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life* 2nd. ed. (The Catholic University of America Press, 1988)
Wiley, Tatha. *Original Sin* (Paulist Press, 2002)