DOCTRINE OF GOD: ONE AND TRIUNE STH D506

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Description: The Mystery of God and our language about this mystery is a primary concern of Christian theology. This course will explore the **notion of God** in the human community historically, and **the doctrinal character** of the Trinitarian formula in **its historical development** and **the contemporary issues** surrounding the Triune God as this Mystery impacts pastoral practice.

Objectives:
1. To trace the development of the **notion of God** historically.
2. To examine **the historical development** of the doctrine on the **Trinity.**
3. To understand the **doctrinal differences** in the doctrine of God between the **Eastern and Western** Catholic churches.
4. To examine the complex theological problem of **naming God** in contemporary secular culture and repositioning this Mystery at the center of Christian life.
5. To arrive at a suitable **image** of the Triune Mystery for the ministry of preaching and teaching.

Procedures: The course will be structured in a seminar format and will consist of lecture, discussion, and student presentation in class and on-line. Auditors are asked to do the required readings and enter into class discussion.

Evaluation: Student attendance and participation will be part of the evaluation. Students will read and do **critical summaries** on-line weekly, present the perspective of **one Trinitarian author** orally and in writing, and write a final **take-home exam.**

Preliminary reading/listening:
The Shack, by Wm. Paul Young. Los Angeles: Windblown Media, 2007.

Required Texts:
Laporte, Jean Marc. *God One and Triune: Retrievals and Explorations.* Jean-marc Laporte, S.J. Halifax NS Canada, 2010. Used with permission of the author. (Purchase from the professor first day of class)

Mowry-Lacugna, Catherine. *God for Us.* New York: Paulist, 1993.

Fatula, Mary Ann. *The Triune God of Cristian Faith.* Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1990.

Maloney, George A. *Abiding in the Indwelling Trinity.* NY: Paulist, 2004.

Cook, S.J. Michael L. *Trinitarian Christology.* New York/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 2010.

Edwards, Denis. *How God Acts: Creation, Redemption, and Special Divine Action.* Fortress, 2010.

Recommended Texts: On Reserve