RELC 2460: Spirit of Catholicism, Spring, 2014

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Requirements: 1) one mid-term examination and a final examination; 2) one take-home assignment; and 3) attendance at class lectures and discussion sections.

Books (at University Bookstore as well as Amazon and Barnes and Noble):

 Flannery (ed.), The Documents of Vatican II, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press. These documents are also available at: http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\_councils/ii\_vatican\_council/index.htm

 Richard McBrien, Catholicism San Francisco: Harper Collins—recommended

 Joseph E. Fitzmyer, A Christological Catechism New York: The Paulist Press

 Neuner and Depuis, The Christian Faith Staten Island, NY: Alba House

Articles:

 Karl Rahner, "Nature and Grace," "Immaculate Conception," and "Church of the Saints," PDF files on class home page

 Thomas Aquinas, on the Eucharist (to be downloaded from website)

Tentative Schedule of Topics:

Jan. 14 Introduction

Jan. 16-21: Faith and Revelation; Christ as the Revelation of the Father

 Readings:

 Vatican II, pp. 750-765.

 Christian Faith, new edition, pp. 6, 9-10, 42-50, 101-105

 McBrien, Catholicism, pp. 227-273, 395-489; recommended: pp. 19-72.

 Fitzmyer, A Christological Catechism

Jan. 23-28: The Church: The People of God

 Readings: Vatican II, pp. 350-413.

 Catechism, pp. 197-246.

 McBrien, pp. 569-654; recommended: pp. 655-688.

 R. E. Brown, Priest and Bishop PDF on class homepage

Jan. 30-Feb.4: Church Authority, Dogma, and the Papacy

 Readings:

 Vatican II, pp. 564-590.

 Christian Faith, pp. 313-322.

 McBrien, pp. 739-782.

Feb.6-11: Original Sin and Grace

 Readings:

 Karl Rahner, "Nature and Grace."

 McBrien, pp. 157-199;

 Christian Faith, pp. 199-204, 795-823.

Feb.13-18: Sacraments, The Channels of Grace: Introduction and sacraments of initiation

 Readings:

 Christian Faith, pp. 561-566, 583-589.

 McBrien, pp. 783-819.

Feb. 20-25: Sacraments of Forgiveness

 Readings:

 Christian Faith, pp. 661-680..

 McBrien, pp. 835-850.

Feb. 27 Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and Holy Orders, Part I.

 Readings:

 McBrien, pp. 820-831, 863-879

 Aquinas on the Eucharist

 Christian Faith, pp. 605-609, 613-623, 722-727.

Mar. 4: review

Mar. 6: Mid-term

Mar. 11-13: no. class, Spring Break

Mar. 18: Christ’s Presence in the Eucharist, Part II.,

Mar. 20-25: Worship and the Mass

 Readings:

 Vatican II, pp. 1-40.

 Christian Faith, pp. 625-634.

 McBrien, pp. 1063-1075.

Mar. 27-Apr. 1: Catholic Christian Life, Marriage and Social Obligations

 Readings:

 Christian Faith, pp. 766-770.

 McBrien, pp. 851-863, 883-1011.

Apr. 3-8: The Effect of Grace on Humanity: Mary and the Saints

 Readings:

 Vatican II, pp. 413-426.

 McBrien, pp. 1077-1120.

 Rahner, "The Immaculate Conception"

 "The Church of the Saints"

 Christian Faith, pp. 279-287.

Apr.10-15: The Church and the Churches and relations with non-Christians

 Readings:

 Vatican II, pp. 452-470, 738-742, 799-812.

 McBrien, pp. 691-733.

Apr. 17-22: The Church in the World

 Vatican II, pp. 903-1001.

 Christian Faith, pp. 905-930, 953-956, 958-966.

Apr. 21: Conclusion

Apr. 29: Review

For general reference in the Alderman Library Reference Room and Clemons:

 Sacramentum Mundi, a general theological reference work in English.

 The New Catholic Encyclopedia and The New Catholic Encyclopedia, 2nd edition, published in 2003. N.B. **THIS IS NOT THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA** ON LINE, which was published between 1908 and 1914. You will have to go to the library to use the proper one. **AND—Wikipaedia is not to be considered a reference work for students at any level, much less students at a major university such as UVA.**