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TITLE: The Christian God

TERM: January to April 2018 [20181]

SCHEDULE: Online Course - Classes begin January 8, 2018 and end on April 6, 2018

PROFESSOR: Deacon Peter Gittens

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 25

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course considers basic themes in the theology of the Holy Trinity from a biblical, historical and systematic viewpoint and addresses selected contemporary questions about the mystery of the tri-personal God.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

Students should:

- Identify and become familiar with foundational principles and sources of Trinitarian theology
- Learn how to interpret Trinitarian questions according to the mind of the Church by exposure to first rate practitioners of the Tradition.
- Develop an appropriate Trinitarian vocabulary.
- Recognize the relevance of these principles and themes, not only for the broader enterprise of theology, but for contemporary living.
- Grow in historical knowledge of the context in which these foundational Trinitarian principles and central themes have come under scrutiny and reappeared in different guises.
- Appreciate the insight that to be a Christian is to believe in, experience, and worship God in a Trinitarian way.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Gerald O'Collins, S.J., *The Tripersonal God: Understanding and Interpreting the Trinity*, New York: Paulist Press, 2014. (Available on www.amazon.ca).

Supplementary notes will be posted on blackboard in "Course Materials"

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

3 Discussion Board Assignments and Responses

Unit Tests

Written Assignment Paper

Due dates for Assignments and test dates and times will be given in the final syllabus.

(Criteria for evaluation are found in the TST BD handbook)

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