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TITLE: Human Sexuality and Marriage

TERM: January – April 2018 [20181]

SCHEDULE: Classes begin January 8, 2018; SAS timetable is available on SAS Website: www.staugustines.on.ca for day, time and room location.

PROFESSOR: Dr. Patricia Murphy

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 30

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A critical consideration of Catholic teaching on human sexuality and marriage and related issues in light of a new evangelization; an application of principles of Catholic moral reasoning and anthropology to contemporary questions regarding sexuality and marriage, inviting a deeper understanding of the nature of embodied Christian love and personal vocation, service and authentic leadership in a variety of contemporary contexts; special attention will be paid to *Veritatis Splendor* and the “theology of the body.”

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- Articulate *in positive terms* an understanding of human sexuality and marriage in light of Catholic anthropology and the Catholic moral tradition, especially as it is informed by *Veritatis Splendor*¹
- Discuss the biblical foundations of a Catholic understanding of human sexuality and marriage, with special attention paid to St. John Paul II’s “theology of the body”
- Discuss elements of a fruitful “celibacy for the kingdom” in society today
- Identify key moments in the development of understanding marriage as sacrament and explain what it means today to say that marriage is a sacrament today – with reference to the biblical and theological foundations of the Church’s teaching, especially the “theology of the body”
- Explain the central role of the virtue of chastity in the moral life, whatever one’s personal vocation and state in life
- Explain how life and love are inextricably linked -- and the concrete implications of this truth for conjugal life (“responsible parenthood” or “procreative responsibility,” infertility, etc.)
- Critically analyze various pressing questions in contemporary cultural context in light of Catholic understanding of human sexuality (ie, gender ideology, same-sex attraction, “pre” and “extra” marital sexual activity, pornography, etc.)
- Identify and address the pastoral dimensions of the above and appropriate pastoral resources

¹ **Course outcomes are designed to assist students in meeting various program outcomes, especially MDIV outcomes in the areas of: “cultural context,” “personal-spiritual growth,” “religious heritage,” and “capacity for ministerial and public leadership”

PREREQUISITES:

Fundamental Christian Ethics I and II (or permission of Instructor)

REQUIRED TEXTS:

John Paul II, *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body*. Boston: Pauline Books and Media, 2006. (You can probably also buy or borrow a copy from other students; the text will be on reserve at the SAS library)

West, Christopher. *Theology of the Body for Beginners*. Revised. Westchester, PA: Ascension Press, 2009.

Course Reader and **Handouts** (from the instructor, at cost)

POSSIBLE* ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS (*may change, at discretion of the professor)

Lecture, discussions, review paper, pastoral response paper and final written exam

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- Whitehead, Kenneth D. ed. *The Church, Marriage and the Family (Proceedings from the 27th Annual Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars)*. South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2007.