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TITLE: Early Christianity (to AD 600)

TERM: September – December 2018 [20189]

PROFESSOR: Hogan, James (Séamus) P.

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO _____

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course offers an opportunity to explore the history of the Christian Church from its origins in Judaism through to its monastic expansion beyond the boundaries of the Western Roman Empire in the sixth and seventh centuries. It will examine the conflicts, individuals, social movements and theologies that shaped Christianity during this formative period.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: By the end of the course students should be able to:

- 1) Develop methods for understanding and analyzing primary and secondary sources.
- 2) Acquire the methodology needed for writing analytical research papers.
- 3) Develop the ability to identify various types of historical documents and determine where sources of historical research are to be found and how they are to be used in the study of the discipline.
- 4) Discover how art, architecture and literature may be used to understand history and theological thought more profoundly and examine their interdisciplinarity.
- 5) Empower and inspire students to continue the study of history with the confidence that comes from a greater knowledge of the material and from the academic skills needed to delve deeply into various aspects of Catholic Church life.
- 6) Challenge pre-conceived notions about the history of the Catholic Church, and provide an opportunity to encounter diverse perspectives and opinions.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTS: Chadwick, Henry. *The Early Church*. Toronto: Penguin Books, 1993. The course reader will be available for purchase at St. Augustine's Seminary reception prior to the start of classes

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Participation (discussion & presentation)	10%
Mid-term Exam (document analysis)	20%
Research Paper (10-12 pages)	35%
Final Exam (oral) during exam week	35%

ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Chadwick, Owen. *The Reformation*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1972.
- Duffy, Eamon. *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, C.1400-C.1580*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.
- Evans, G. R. *The Roots of the Reformation: Tradition, Emergence and Rupture*. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, 2012.
- Grimm, Harold J. *The Reformation Era, 1500-1650*. New York: Macmillan, 1973.
- Hsia, R. Po-chia. *Reform and Expansion, 1500-1660*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- Jensen, De Lamar. *Reformation Europe: Age of Reform and Revolution*. Lexington, Mass: D.C. Heath, 1981.
- Logan, Donald. *A History of the Church in the Middle Ages*. New York: Routledge, 2002
- Marshall, Peter. *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Reformation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
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