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**TITLE:** Foundations of Theology

**TERM:** September – December 2018 [20189]

**PROFESSOR:** Dr. Donald Graham

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_

UNLIMITED \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course considers basic and critical themes in theology to help the understand the principles, sources, resources, matter and scope of Roman Catholic theology to place his or her theologizing upon a more secure foundation.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

1. Identify and become familiar with some foundational principles of Catholic theology, located in important sources, relative to central themes.
2. Learn how to interpret theological questions according to the mind of the Church by exposure to first-rate practitioners of the Tradition.
3. Develop an appropriate theological vocabulary
4. Recognize the relevance of these foundational principles and central themes, not only for the broader enterprise of theology, but also for contemporary living.

**PREREQUISITES:** Permission of SAS Registrar

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Congar, Yves. O.P. Reprint, 1964. *The Meaning of Tradition*. Foreword by Avery Cardinal Dulles S.J. Translated by A.N. Woodrow. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2004.

Nichols, Aidan O.P. *The Shape of Catholic Theology*. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1991.  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition, 1994. (available online).

NB: Other readings are to be accessed through the U of T Libraries, Internet or are housed on Quercus [Q]. See Schedule of Lectures & Readings below. An order for these texts was placed with the University of Toronto bookstore located at 214 College Street, Toronto, ON, M5T 3A1; 416-640-7900: [www.uoftbookstore.com](http://www.uoftbookstore.com). U o T has a promise not to be undersold by the online businesses.

## POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

### A. Participation (20%)

This course provides opportunities for students to demonstrate a careful reading of texts, and listening to, understanding of, and insight into, the ideas presented and raised in lectures and breakout sessions by their active participation and co-operation. For this reason, mere physical presence in the classroom does not constitute participation.

### B. Group Work (30%)

Group formation, assignment of tasks & success criteria will be provided Week 1. Presentations occur on Week

### C. Summative assignment (50%)

Students should carefully examine the summative assignment at the outset of the course and gradually work on it. Obtain clarification early and realize what is required in a timely manner. *The Meaning of Tradition*, upon which a significant part of the summative assignment is based, should be read slowly over the course. The gradual preparation should be distilled and demonstrated on the Preparatory Work for the Summative Task which is to be summited. Familiarize yourself with the assignment to maximize success.

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Rowland, Tracey. *Catholic Theology*. Edinburgh: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017.

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