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TITLE: Bioethics

TERM: September to December 2018 [20189]

PROFESSOR: Rev. Kevin Belgrave

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO _____

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course will cover the foundations and principles of Catholic moral reasoning in bioethics, as well as a selection of issues, including: reproductive technologies, abortion, medical issues in pregnancy, euthanasia and assisted suicide, treatment decisions at the end of life, determination of death and organ donation, and genetics.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- To deepen understanding of the foundations of a Catholic approach to bioethical issues, including: the nature and destiny of the human person, the fundamental principles of Catholic moral reasoning, and sources for a theological approach to bioethics.
- To introduce and analyze a selection of contemporary bioethical questions from within the perspective of Catholic moral thought.
- To introduce students to a variety of intellectual and pastoral resources in the area of bioethics.

PREREQUISITES:

Fundamental Christian Ethics I and II or by Permission of Instructor

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers. *New Charter for Health Care Workers*. National Catholic Bioethics Center, 2016. Available from Amazon.ca.

Smith, Janet E., and Christopher Kaczor. *Life Issues, Medical Choices: Questions and Answers for Catholics*. 2nd Edition. Servant Books, 2016. Available from Amazon.ca in paperback or Kindle format.

Pope John Paul II. Encyclical Letter *Evangelium vitae*, On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life (March 25, 1995). Available online.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Midterm test; Final written exam; Participation in class discussion.

ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Will be distributed in class.