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**TITLE:** Theological Anthropology

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

**PROFESSOR:** Deacon Peter W. Gittens

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

UNLIMITED \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an exploration of the following themes in the light of Christian revelation: creation, the human person, sin, grace, and eschatology. Readings, Notes on Quercus, Written Assignment, Unit Tests/Quizzes,

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

- To discuss the biblical and theological foundations of the relationship of the created order to the Creator.
- To examine and understand what it means to say that the human person was created in the image and likeness of God.
- To develop a theological sense of the origin and nature of sin, and its effects.
- To articulate a theology of grace, the way God's life is shared with humankind.
- To understand the biblical and theological tradition in describing humankind's ultimate destiny in God.

**PREREQUISITES:**

None

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Cortez, Marc. *Theological Anthropology: A Guide for the Perplexed*, London: T & T Clark International, 2010. Also available as a Kindle e-Book.

Sachs, John R., S.J. *The Christian Vision of Humanity: Basic Theological Anthropology*, Minn: Liturgical Press, 1991.

Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes*, The Church in the Modern World,  
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Supplementary readings and instructor's notes will be posted on Quercus in "Course Materials".

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

3 Unit Discussion Board Assignments and Responses: (Unit 1 = 10%; Unit 2 = 15%; Unit 3 = 15%)	-	40%
3 Unit Tests/Quizzes: (Quiz 1 = 10%; Quiz 2 = 15%; Quiz 3 = 15%)	-	40%
1 Written Assignment Paper	-	<u>20%</u>
Total		100%

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