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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.