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TITLE: History of Christianity to 1600

TERM: S **YEAR:** 2010

PROFESSOR: Terence Fay

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO _____

UNLIMITED X

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Welcome to a study of Christian roots. These roots go back to the Jewish experience of God, Greek reason, and Roman culture. Since then Christian spirituality, liturgy, parishes, educational and health care services spread through the communities in the Middle East, Mediterranean Sea, and Western Europe. The Christian spirit gave organic development to the early, medieval, renaissance, and reformation periods, and Christians gained the freedom to act decisively for the future. Requirements: attendance and participation (10%); seminar papers (20%); research essay (40%); open exam (30%).

CLASS OBJECTIVES: *Goal of the Course* - To provide the historical context in which Christians witnessed their faith for over 1500 years so that contemporary believers can live a Christian life and exercise their mission within the world today.

PREREQUISITES:

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Source Materials: Books and Articles

Textbooks: Fay, Terence J., ed. and comp. *History of Christianity to 1600: A Workbook*. Toronto: Canadian Scholar's Press, 2006.

Bokenkotter, Thomas. *Concise History of the Catholic Church*. Revised and Expanded Edition. Toronto: Image, 1990. (TB)

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS: Requirements: attendance and participation (10%); seminar papers (20%); research essay (40%); open exam (30%).

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