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**TITLE:** Global Family, Parish & School

**TERM:** F **YEAR:** 2008-09

**PROFESSOR:** Suzanne Rozell Scorsone

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO 20

UNLIMITED \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

What is Family? Why is it important? What diversity is there among families around the world, and why? How does this affect both teaching and pastoral ministry to individuals and families?

Families come to Canada, and particularly to the Toronto region, from every society around the globe, bringing their diverse relationships, roles, structures and understandings. Clergy, teachers and parish workers need an awareness of what those might be in order to serve individuals and families from diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.

This course will provide an introduction to the description, structure and function of families in a range of societies, with particular focus on groups with large populations in the Toronto Region. This will also be applied to the work of ministry and teaching in a Catholic context. Whether in pastoral work, in teaching family life education or in other forms of service, awareness of the diversity of the people you serve will be useful.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

Awareness of diverse family structures in societies around the world;

Awareness of the context of social, cultural, economic, technological and other factors in which families and family structures exist and function;

Awareness of the social, economic, ethnic, linguistic and other factors which are part of the reality, the challenges and the strengths of families in the Toronto Region.

Reflection on the application of this awareness to understanding and effectiveness in service to individuals and families, whether in pastoral work, in teaching family life education, or in other forms of service.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Readings As Assigned, Available Online

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

**Two presentations, final exam**

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*History of the Family*

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Ethnographies (A Few Examples)

Chance, Norman A.: *China's Urban Villagers: Changing Life in a Beijing Suburb*, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Fort Worth, 1991

Critchfield, Richard: *The Golden Bowl Be Broken: Peasant Life in Four Cultures*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington & Indianapolis, 1988

Munson, Henry Jr., Recorder, Translator and Ed.: *The House of Si Abd Allah*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1984

Young, Michael & Peter Willmott: *Family and Kinship in East London*, Pelican Books, Middlesex, 1957