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**TITLE:** THEOLOGY OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AND CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

**TERM:** 20109 (September 2010)

**LOCATION:** 2661 Kingston Road, SAS Barnett

**PROFESSOR:** Rev. Gregory Carruthers, S.J.

**Min/Max:** Min: 8 / Max: 12

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

A theological study of the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola with specific application in the life and ministry of the Catholic priest. At the centre of both the Spiritual Exercises and Catholic Priesthood is the Person of Jesus Christ. The two basic interconnecting links in one's response to Christ dealt with in this course are: 1) the great desires elicited by the Exercises, and 2) the call to "labor with Christ" in his service of the world. This course is designed specifically for those preparing for Roman Catholic priesthood and who have not yet made the Exercises.

**COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:**

The student will deepen and understand better theologically the intimate connection (Vocational) between his deepest desires to be with Christ (Christological) and the priestly work with Christ (Soteriological) he is called to participate in.

**PREREQUISITES:**

One year of Theology preferably with Christology and Grace.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

1. The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Translated by Luis J. Puhl, SJ. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1951.
2. A Pilgrims Journey: The Autobiography of St. Ignatius Loyola. Translated and Commentary by Joseph N. Tylanda, SJ. Lilmington, Delaware: Michael Glazier, 1985.
3. Aschenbrenner, George, SJ. Stretched for Greater Glory: What to Expect from the Spiritual Exercises. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 2004.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Seminar structured discussions of readings, class participation, four brief papers.