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**TITLE:** History of Christianity to 1600

**TERM:** 20111 (January 2011)

**PROFESSOR:** Terence J. Fay SJ, Ph D

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO 25

**Course Description:** Christian 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.

**Course Outcomes and Objectives:** That the students may enjoy the experience of doing history by reading primary and secondary sources, discussing their findings with their colleagues, and writing a research essay on a topic that interests them.

**No Prerequisites**

**Required Texts:**

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.

**Assignments/Presentations/Texts:** Requirements: attendance, participation, and seminar papers (six are marked) 30%; research essay 40%; open exam 30%.