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TITLE: MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

TERM: 20111 (January 2011)

PROFESSOR: Rev. Gregory Carruthers, S.J.

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO _____

UNLIMITED X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Mystery of the Triune God with its Biblical sources and Patristic development, and an examination of the development of the understanding of the Immanent Trinity, with attention paid to particular issues, e.g. Filioque, notion of 'Person'. Also stressed is the development of a Trinitarian spirituality with some attention to the mystics. Lectures, first-half term test, second-half term test.

To examine the development of the doctrine of the Trinity. In the process of such examination, to elaborate a Trinitarian spirituality with pastoral applications for the contemporary person.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

1. To demonstrate the development of the Church's understanding of the mystery of the Trinity from Scripture and the Fathers of the Church.
2. To elaborate further theological development of the mystery, and the foundations for a Trinitarian spirituality.

PREREQUISITES:

None, although a course in Foundations of Theology is helpful.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Mystery of the Trinity. A Reader compiled by Fr. Gregory Carruthers, S.J. available at Tru-Copy.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

1. The student will illustrate the major points of the development of the doctrine in an hour written test halfway through the course.
2. The student will explain systematic responses to specific investigations regarding the mystery, and display the mystery's central role in Christian faith and life in an hour and half written test at the end of the course.