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TITLE: Christology

TERM: 20109 (September 2010)

PROFESSOR: Dr. Donald Graham

REGISTRATION: Maximum: 20 Minimum: 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course examines selective themes and fundamental questions in Christology from a Catholic perspective as found in the New Testament, Ecumenical Councils, the Fathers and Scholastics, and, to some extent, in modern times. This prepares the ground for making a few important inquiries in light of contemporary concerns from a systematic perspective.

COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:

- Identify and become familiar with some foundational principles of Christology, located in important sources, relative to central themes.
- Learn how to interpret Christological questions according to the mind of the Church by exposure to first rate practitioners of the Tradition.
- Develop an appropriate Christological vocabulary.
- Recognize the relevance of these principles and themes, not only for the broader enterprise of theology, but for contemporary living.
- Grow in historical knowledge of the context in which these foundational christological principles and central themes have come under scrutiny and reappeared in different guises.
- Apply knowledge and skills in exercises that permit one to communicate understandings and insights.
- Encounter images and texts that open one to understanding these foundational christological principles and central themes *via* art and prayer.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Booking Ordering Information for Christology Course

Required Course Text (needed immediately)

Roch A. Kereszty, *Jesus Christ. Fundamentals of Christology*, revised and updated edition, *a Communio Book* (New York: Alba House, 2002) available at www.amazon.ca (\$26.63). Expedite the shipping!

Required Summative Task Text (best to have in hand within a month or so)

Raniero Cantalamessa, *Jesus Christ. The Holy One of God*, translated by Alan Neame (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1991). This book is out of print but reasonably priced copies in good condition are available at www.bookfinder.com. Use an express post option from the bookseller.

If the Cantalamessa text is unavailable or priced unreasonably (above \$40) *then* order Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (now Benedict XVI), *Behold the Pierced One. An Approach to a Spiritual Christology*, translated by

Graham Harrison (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1986) at www.chapters.indigo.ca (\$12.30) or if unavailable there see www.ignatius.com

Recommended Reference Text

The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church, edited by Jacques Dupuis, SJ, 7th revised and enlarged edition (New York: Alba House, 2001) at www.chapters.indigo.ca (\$17.49, hardcover – an absolute bargain for this work of advanced scholarship highlighting key doctrinal themes in conciliar, creedal, papal and episcopal sources)

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Objective reading quizzes (bi-weekly, weeks 2, 4, 6 etc.)	10%
Structured post-response tasks (bi-weekly, weeks 1, 3, 5 etc.)	30%
Mid-term summative assignment 3 page reflection paper	20%
Final Summative assignment	40%

Read carefully another work (TBD). Summarize its thesis in about 400 words (2 pages). Explain how **three** of Christological themes of the course are integrated into its thought with specific reference to the work as well as course readings, notes and discussions in about 1200 words (5 pages).