

## Ecclesiology SAT 2401HS L0101

**Please note: The lecture for Wednesday, January 11, 2012, Lecture One: Introduction: The Church as Communion and Mission will be posted on blackboard for the first week. Classes will start on January 18, 2012.**

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### Course Description

This course explores the mystery of the Church as seen in the light of Vatican II. The aim is to understand what is meant by ecclesial communion; to study the visible structure of that communion, and to reflect upon the missionary nature of the Church. We study the Catholic Church within the ecumenical reality of the entire Christian church in the world today.

### Goal of the Course

(Religious Heritage) To examine more profoundly questions regarding origin, nature, structure, and mission of the Church. (Personal and Spiritual Formation) Conscious of the Church as commencing in a definitive way the long-awaited one eternal plan of the Father, (Ministry and Public Leadership) the people of God understand their role as continuing the mission of Christ (Cultural Context) within the heart of the world today.

Objectives	Outcomes	Assessment/Evaluation
Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be introduced to central issues in understanding the nature, structure and work of the Church</li><li>• Understand better the ecclesiological teaching of the Second Vatican Council</li><li>• Explore their own questions and ideas about the Church, and their place and ministry within it</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will gain an understanding of how the Church emerged as shown in the New Testament and in early Christian writings</li><li>• Students will be able to discuss and demonstrate an understanding of the nature and mission of the Church as taught by Vatican Council II and how it relates to their ministries</li><li>• Students will be able to explain “levels of communion” and an ecclesiology of communion.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class participation 10%</li><li>• Two 2-3 page papers 50%</li><li>• Final Take-Home Examination 40%</li><li>• See below for details</li></ul>

## Required Texts

Gaillardetz, Richard R. *The Church in the Making: Lumen Gentium, Christus Dominus, Orientalium Ecclesiarum* (New York: Paulist Press, 2006).

Pelzel, Morris. *Ecclesiology: The Church as Communion and Mission*. (Chicago: Loyola Press, 2002).

The Documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Recommended edition: A. Flannery. *Vatican Council II: The Basic Sixteen Documents*, Revised Translation in Inclusive Language. (Northport, NY: Costello/Dublin: Dominican, 1996) see also *Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils*. Edited by Norman J. Tanner. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1990. 2 volumes.

We will be reading only selections for this course; however, if you continue to pursue courses in theology, it is recommended that you own your own copy.

## Recommended for further reading and research:

Auer, Johann. *The Church: The Universal Sacrament of Salvation* (Washington D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 1993).

Congar, Yves. "Ecclesiology" in the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, Vol. 3, pp. 480-86.

Congregation on the Doctrine of the Faith, "Declaration in Defence of the Catholic Doctrine on the Church Against Some Present Day Errors," *Mysterium Ecclesiae*, 1973.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. *Communio in Notio*, "Some Aspects Of the Church as Communion, 1992.

De Lubac, Henri. *The Splendour of the Church* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1999).

Dulles, Avery. *Models of the Church* (New York: Doubleday, 2000).

Dulles, Avery and Patrick Granfield. *The Theology of the Church: A Bibliography* (New York: Paulist Press, 1999).

*Ecclesia* Encyclopedia on the Church

Guembe, Miguel Garijo. *Communion of the Saints: Foundation, Nature and Structure of the Church* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1994).

International Theological Commission, "Select Themes of Ecclesiology on the

- Occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Closing of the Second Vatican Council.” *Texts and Documents 1969-1985* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1989), pp. 267-304.
- O’Malley, John W. *What Happened at Vatican II*. (Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2008).
- O’Meara, T.F. “Philosophical Models in Ecclesiology,” *Theological Studies* March 1978, pp. 3-21.
- Ratzinger, Joseph. *Called to Communion* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1996).
- Rausch, Thomas P. *Towards a Truly Catholic Church: An Ecclesiology For the Third Millenium* (Liturgical Press, 2005).
- Schmaus, Michael. *Dogma 4. The Church: Its Origin and Structure* (London: Sheed and Ward, 1972).
- Sullivan, Francis. *The Church We Believe In: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic* (New Jersey: Paulist Press, 1988).
- Tavard, George. *The Church, Community of Salvation: An Ecumenical Ecclesiology* (Liturgical Press, 1992).
- Von Balthasar, Hans Urs. *The Office of Peter and the Structure of the Church* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1986).

**In place of a bibliography, recommended reading will be listed after required reading for each week. These supplementary readings may be consulted for papers.**

### **Assignments and Due Dates**

#### **Two short papers**

One short paper is due by **February 29** and the other on **March 28**. Please note that the due date means a paper copy of your submission has been handed to the instructor at the appropriate time – not an electronic copy.

Papers must be typed and double-spaced with one-inch margins all round. **10% will be deducted for lateness.**

These papers are based on the readings and topics discussed in class. Students will choose topics from the lectures; for example, one may choose to reflect upon the role of the laity in the Church in one paper and the teaching authority of the magisterium in another. The instructor will discuss other topics in class. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the topic by explaining the significance of the topic for their study and ministry.

Your paper should give three main points addressed in our readings/seminar discussion and explain them succinctly. Then, give your theological reflection on one of those points. Please do not exceed three pages. Two pages are ideal.

You are required to acknowledge and properly reference all outside sources. Plagiarism is absolutely unacceptable by the University of Toronto. This means direct quotations, which must be enclosed in quotation marks with proper notation, but also indirect references to an author's ideas; if you are uncertain about proper referencing and when footnotes are required, please speak to the instructor. Consult the Terabian Style Manual for more assistance.

Articles and documents available on the Internet may be of interest and value, but are not necessarily acceptable scholarly works. Church documents posted on the Net may or may not be reliable editions and translations. For Catholic Church documents, use the Vatican website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). Any document obtained from the Internet should be referenced with the complete html and date.

**Final Take Home Examination will be handed out on March 28 and will be due on April 4, 2012.**

### **Participation**

Attendance at all lectures and seminars is expected. If you are unable to attend a class, please let the instructor know in advance (if possible) or follow up afterwards.

Lectures will provide an opportunity for the students to recall and discuss the readings and further explore the topic of the day. Each student is expected to take an active part in the discussions, based on an informed understanding of the reading and lecture materials.

## **Ecclesiology**

## Lecture Topics and Assigned Readings

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

**Lecture One: Introduction: The Church as Communion and Mission**

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**Required reading:** Pelzel, *Ecclesiology: The Church as Communion and Mission*. This is a non-technical, easy read. It provides a good overview of the themes to be discussed in the course.

Gaillardetz, *The Church in the Making*, pp. 1-8.

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

**Lecture Two: Pre-Vatican II Ecclesiology and Churches of the New Testament and Post New Testament Period**

**Required reading:**

Paul VI, encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi*, "On the Mystical Body of Christ," 1943.  
Continue reading Pelzel  
Continue reading Gaillardetz

**Recommended:**

Raymond Brown, *The Church the Apostles Left Behind* (New Jersey: Paulist Press, 1984).

Cwiekowski, F. *The Beginnings of the Church* (Paulist Press, 1988).

Dulles, A. "A Half-Century of Ecclesiology." *Theological Studies* Sept. 1989, pp. 419-442.

Garijo-Guembe Ch. IV, "The Church, 'Built on the Foundation of the Apostles,'" pp. 29-36.

Ch V, "The Organization of the Church in its Successive Developmental Stages; Community Structures in the New Testament," pp. 37-58, and "Excursus: The Apostolic Succession," pp. 56-65.

Rahner, Karl. "Membership of the Church According to the Teaching of Pius XII's Encyclical 'Mystici Corporis Christi,'" *Theological Investigations*.

Shussler-Fiorenza, Elisabeth. *In Memory of Her: A Feminist Theological Reconstruction of Christian Origins* (New York: Crossroad, 1983).

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

**Lectures Three: *Lumen Gentium*/Essence and Images of Church**

**Required readings:** *Lumen Gentium*

Gaillardetz, 1-7, 8-26, 41-52, 55-62, 106

**Recommended reading:**

Francis Sullivan, *The Church We Believe In: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic* (New Jersey: Paulist, 1988), ch. I, "The Church We Believe In," pp. 3-22. Ch. 3, "The One Church: A Communion of Churches," pp. 34-65.

Avery Dulles, *Models of the Church*, expanded edition (New York: Doubleday, 2000).

Komonchak, Joseph A. "The Significance of Vatican II for Ecclesiology," *The Gift Of the Church*, pp. 69-92.

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

**Lecture Four: The Laity in the Church**

**Required reading:**

*Lumen Gentium* chapters 4, 6, 7, 8

Gaillardetz, 52-55, 98-100, 142-144, 186-188

*Apostolicam actuositatem*, Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People, Vatican II.

John Paul II, "On the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World," *Christifideles Laici*, Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, 1988.

John Paul II, "Address on the Participation of the Laity in the Priestly Ministry," 1994  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests," 1997.

**Recommended reading**

Garijo-Guembe Ch. XI, "Community and Office," pp. 133-158

Avery Dulles, "Can Laity Properly Be Called "Ministers"?" *Origins* 35/44.

John Henry Newman, "On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine,"

*Conscience, Consensus and the Development of Doctrine* (New York: Image Books, 1992).

Edward Hahnenberg, "The Vocation to Lay Ecclesial Ministry," *Origins* 37/12, pp. 178-182.

H. Richard McCord Jr., "The U.S. Bishops and Lay Ecclesial Ministry," *Origins* 37/7, pp. 102 – 104.

Aurelie Hagstrom, "Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Questions of Authorization," *Origins* 37/7, pp. 107 – 110.

Susan K. Wood. *Ordering the Baptismal Priesthood. Theologies of Lay and Ordained Ministry* (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2003).

### **Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

#### **Lecture Five: Mary and the Communion of Saints**

##### **Required reading:**

John Paul II, "On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church, *Redemptoris Mater*, encyclical letter, 1987.  
Gaillardetz, 57-58, 102-106

##### **Recommended reading:**

Alain Blancy, Maurice Jourgon. *Mary in the Plan of God and in the Communion of Saints* (New Jersey: Paulist Press, 1999).  
Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, "Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ," 2005.  
*Theotokos*, Encyclopedia on Mary  
Cantalamessa, Raniero. *Mary: Mirror of the Church* (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1992).

### **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

#### **Lecture Six: Magisterium, Role of Bishops and Pope**

##### **Required reading:**

*Christus Dominus*. Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church (Vatican II)  
*Lumen Gentium*, chapter three.  
Gaillardetz, 27-37, 72-87, 118-142

##### **Recommended reading:**

Garijo-Guembe Ch. XII, "The Hierarchical Composition of the Church: The Bishop with His Co-Workers: The Presbyters and Deacons," pp. 159-196, Ch. XIII, "The Office of the Pope and the Collegiality of Bishops," pp. 197-232.  
*Pastor Aeternus* (First Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Christ), Vatican Council I.  
Francis Sullivan, *Magisterium*  
International Theological Commission, *From the Diakonia of Christ to the Diakonia of the Apostles* (Mundelein: Hillenbrand Books, 2004).

*Presbyterorum ordinis*, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (Vatican II).

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

**Lecture Seven: Weighing and Interpreting Official Documents**

**Required reading:**

John Paul II, “*Ad Tuendam Fidem*, by which certain norms are inserted into the Code of Canon Law and into the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches,” Apostolic Letter, *Motu Proprio*, 1998.

**Recommended reading:**

Dulles, Avery. “The Irreformability of Dogma,” in *The Survival of Dogma* (New York: Crossroad, 1982), pp. 185-203.

John Paul II, “On the Theological and Juridical Nature of Episcopal Conferences,” *Apostolos Suos*, 1998. (Motu Proprio/Apostolic Letter).

Richard R. Gaillardetz, *By What Authority? A Primer on Scripture, the Magisterium, and the Sense of the Faithful* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2003), pp. 74-89.

Francis Sullivan, *Creative Fidelity: Weighing and Interpreting Official Documents of the Church* (New Jersey: Paulist Press).

**Wednesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

**Lectures Eight and Nine: Necessity of the Church for Salvation/Ecumenism/Levels of Communion**

**Required reading:**

Decree on Ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, Vatican II.

*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*, Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches, Vatican II

John Paul II, “That they may be one,” *Ut unum sint*, encyclical letter, 1995.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church,” 2007 *Origins* 37/9.

Gaillardetz, 38-40, 65-72, 112-118

**Recommended reading:**

Garijo-Guembe, pp. 113-120

Sullivan, *The Church We Believe In*, ch. 2, “The One Church of Christ ‘Subsists’ in the Catholic Church,” pp. 22-33.

Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy, *Rediscovering Vatican II: Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue* (New York: Paulist, 2005), pp. 20-103.

Huston Smith, *The Soul of Christianity* (HarperSanFrancisco, 2005), pp. 129-162.

Faith and Order Paper No. 181. *The Nature and Purpose of the Church: A Stage On the Way to a Common Statement*. Geneva: WCC/Faith and Order, 1988.

International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, "Growing Together in Unity and Mission," *Origins* 37/19, pp. 289 – 308.  
Cardinal Walter Kasper, "The Current State of Ecumenical Dialogue," *Origins* 37/28, pp. 450-454.

International Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue Between the Catholic Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches, "Nature, Mission and Constitution of the Church," *Origins* 38/35 pp. 551-559.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Baptisms Using Alternate Formulas are Invalid," *Origins*, 37/39, pp. 617-618.

Pope Benedict XVI, *Ecclesiae Unitatem*, Motu Proprio, 2009.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Structure Established for Anglicans Seeking to Become Catholics," *Origins* Vol. 39 n. 21, pp. 337-339.

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

**Lecture Ten: Mission of the Church/Interreligious Dialogue**

**Required reading:**

Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, *Ad Gentes Divinitus*, Vatican Council II.

**Recommended reading:**

Michael Fitzgerald, "What World Religions Learn From Each Other," 2006 *Origins* 35/44

Garijo-Guembe ch. XIV, "Evangelization and its Implications," pp. 235-252.

John Paul II, "On the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate," *Redemptoris Missio*, encyclical letter, 1990.

Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy, *Rediscovering Vatican II: Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue* (New York: Paulist Press, 2005).

Diarmuid Martin, "Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue in the New Millennium," 2007 *Origins* 37/9.

Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, "Dialogue Between Christians and Muslims," *Origins* 37/7, pp. 97 – 102.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelization," *Origins* 37/29, pp. 457-464.

Bishop Champagne, "New Evangelization: New Challenges for the Church's Mission," *Origins*, 37/22, pp. 341- 347.

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

**Lecture Eleven: Church and the World**

**Required reading:**

Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican Council II.

Gaillardetz, 145-188.

**Recommended:**

Garijo-Guembe ch. XV, "Church and World," pp. 253-264

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**  
**Review for Take Home Exam**

**Take home exam due on Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

**You may consider consulting commentaries on Vatican II as you prepare papers.**

**Recommended commentaries:**

**Herbert Vorgrimler, editor, *Commentaries on the documents of Vatican II***

**Komonchak, Alberigo, editors *History of Vatican II*, multiple volumes**

**Rene Latourelle, commentaries on Vatican II**

**Paulist Press series: Rediscovering Vatican II**