

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Dr. L. William Oliverio, Jr.
Course #: THEO 1
Sections: 114 and 124
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

We'll be developing our literacy in the Christian Scriptures and the Christian theological tradition through a survey of major texts, events, doctrines and concepts. After working through some introductory issues, we'll investigate some important portions of the Bible (Old and New Testaments). Then we'll read through excerpts of some of the classical texts of Christian theology as we work through the major periods of Christian history (Patristic, Medieval, Reformation Era and Modern). Additionally, through one of our textbooks (*Gracious Christianity*) we'll consider the relationship between Christian belief and the practice of the faith – a helpful exercise for both Christian and non-Christian students.

Required texts:

- *Introduction to Theology* by Laurance, ed.
- *Theology: The Basics* by McGrath
- *Gracious Christianity* by Jacobsen and Sawatsky
- Some good translation of the Bible like the one recommended below.

Optional texts:

- *The St. Mary's Press College Study Bible*