UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term:           Fall 2013
Instructor:     Rev. John Laurance, S.J.
Course #:       THEO 1001
Sections:       132 and 133
Course Title:   Introduction to Theology

Description:

The three-fold goal of THEO 1001, Sections 132 and 133, is to: (1) “identify the basic content of the Catholic tradition and its relation to other Christian traditions, as evident in biblical, doctrinal, liturgical, ethical, and ecumenical manifestations;” (2) “employ essential theological vocabulary correctly;” and (3) “appreciate the formative influence of Christianity and other religions in world history and culture, and in one’s personal life.”

To accomplish this goal, these sections of THEO 1001 will endeavor to (1) introduce students to the major sources of theology: (a) Sacred Scripture and (b) Tradition, which latter includes a sample creed, faith documents from councils of the Church, liturgical texts, exemplary Christian lives (saints), and the writings of major theologians; and (2) to practice students in the art of theologizing on those sources in light of the faith of the Catholic Church, the faiths of other Christian churches or communities where they differ in major ways from Catholic faith, human wisdom through the centuries (e.g., literary classics), and various elements taken from contemporary culture.