

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**

Instructor: Robert Doran, S.J.

Course #: THEO 8524

Course Title: **Doctrinal Themes in Contemporary Roman Catholic Systematic Theology:**

Course Subtitle: **Theology of History**

Content:

The course will focus on the work of Bernard Lonergan and of the professor on the philosophy and theology of history. The text for the course will be Robert M. Doran, *Theology and the Dialectics of History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1990, 2001). The course will begin with Lonergan's understanding of history as the simultaneous interplay of the forces that make for progress, for decline, and for redemption (nature, sin, and grace), and this understanding will expand into an attempt to understand the scale of values and so the interrelationship of religious living, personal integrity, cultural values, the socioeconomic and political order, and the equitable distribution of vital goods. These will be emphasized as the context for the contemporary understanding of Christian doctrine.

Format:

Classes will combine lecture and discussion based on the text.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- There will be a major (25-30 pp.) paper, and no examination.

Language Pre-requisites:

- None

Required Texts:

- Robert M. Doran, *Theology and the Dialectics of History*